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MUNICIPAL LAW

THE DECOTIIS MUNICIPAL LAW PRACTICE GROUP PROVIDES NEW JERSEY MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES WITH GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE BURGEONING NUMBER OF LEGAL ISSUES FACING LOCAL PUBLIC ENTITIES. The municipal attorneys in the firm provide comprehensive, quality professional advice in the many areas of the law affecting government at the local and county level.

Our experience encompasses virtually every facet of the current legal environment for municipalities. DeCotiis attorneys have assisted clients with public meetings, prepared resolutions, ordinances and contracts, and advised procurements and negotiations, including labor negotiations and arbitrations.

In municipal law, more than in virtually any other legal specialty, experience makes an enormous difference. Our municipal attorneys are among the most knowledgeable experts in the numerous statutory schemes applicable to local governments, including the Local Public Contracts Law, the Open Public Meetings Act, the Open Public Records Act, Local Lands and Building Law, Municipal Land Use Law, Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, Local Budget Law and Local Fiscal Affairs Law. Municipal legal matters frequently involve at least one, and sometimes several, of these laws. In-depth, hands-on expertise in their nuances and implications is an invaluable asset to our municipal clients.

The firm has also successfully provided extensive legal services to its governmental clients in the acquisition of property for open space and redevelopment and in the defense of tax appeals challenging the assessment of real property. Our municipal attorneys are experienced in providing representation to governing bodies, planning boards, redevelopment agencies and zoning boards of adjustment, as well as in assisting public entities in the privatization of publicly run facilities.

If a municipal matter requires specialized counsel, our firm's complementary practice groups can efficiently render the necessary expertise as part of a multidisciplinary team. These practice groups include Public Finance, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Environmental Law, Labor and Employment Law and Litigation.

The legal environment for municipalities has never been so complex and challenging. As they have for decades, the attorneys of the DeCotiis Municipal Law Practice Group stand ready to provide thoughtful, practical and comprehensive legal advice, strategies and recommendations.

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