

# Steven J. Walters, ESQ.

Partner/Chief Legal Officer

## EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

Mr. Walters has over a decade of experience in municipal law, planning and land use, having served as the supervisor of the Town of Hamburg, NY. He is extremely knowledgeable in land use and zoning, including SEQRA, and has been intimately involved in all steps of site plan review and approval, applications for special use permits and rezonings. He has participated in many panels regarding municipal operations and land use, and has been asked to give presentations regarding the same, including presentations regarding the benefits of pre-permitting legislation.

Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Walters established the Hamburg NY Land Development Corporation, which allowed the Town of Hamburg, under his oversight, to purchase, market and develop a 145-acre industrial park from ArcelorMittal. This made it the first pre-permitted, shovel-ready site in Upstate New York, allowing the successful recruitment of a \$50 million FedEx regional distribution facility. Mr. Walters also initiated and executed numerous capital projects, including a new senior center, library expansion and new and/or renovated park facilities.

Mr. Walters serves as **Partner and Chief Legal Officer of Colby Development, LLC**. In this capacity he:

- Completes site plan reviews; works on special, restricted and conditional use permits; area and use variances; and re-zonings.
- Assists in the application for business/development incentives, such as IDA tax incentives and advises and assists planning boards and zoning boards as well.
- Works with various regulatory agencies to navigate each project, ensuring the client a smooth process from start to finish.
- Handles litigation in matters pertaining to development, zoning and real estate, including defending and prosecuting challenges to zoning decisions.
- Uses his expertise to expedite complex and controversial development matters by developing comprehensive preliminary site development and pre-project implementation plans to establish clear and concise responsibilities and timelines
- Manages all aspects of the environmental review (SEQRA/NEPA)
- Develops outreach program to gain support of neighbors, community leaders, and interested local, state and federal leaders and agencies
- Simultaneous review and processing of applications by various regulatory authorities



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## PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- President, Board of Trustees, Aurora Waldorf School,
- Former President, Association of Erie County Governments
- Former Vice President, Association of Erie County Governments
- Member, Board of Directors, Prospect Lawn Cemetery Association
- Former Member and Founder, Board of Directors, Hamburg NY Land Development Corp.
- Member, Board of Directors, Hamburg Development Corp.
- Former Chairman, Hamburg Industrial Agency
- Former Member, Southtowns Sewer Agency
- Recipient, "Citizen of the Year" for politics, Am-Pol Eagle
- Recipient, "Forty Under 40" Award, from Business First
- Special Recognition Award, Special Olympics
- Special Recognition Award, Meals On Wheels
- Reagan Leadership Award, Cheektowaga Republican Committee  
Lincoln Leadership Award, Hamburg Republican Committee
- Special Recognition Award, Erie County Farm Bureau, Inc.

