

Harvey B. Besunder,

Partner

HARVEY B. BESUNDER has been practicing law since 1967. He concentrates his practice in condemnation and tax certiorari, real property, estate and municipal litigation, and professional responsibility matters. He has an "AV" attorney rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Mr. Besunder began his career in the public sector in Suffolk County as a law clerk to District Court judges and as an assistant county attorney in the Family Court and Condemnation bureaus. He has been in private practice since 1980 and has been a partner in firms in Smithtown, Riverhead and Hauppauge.

Mr. Besunder is a past president of the Suffolk County Bar Association, and has chaired the Condemnation, Grievance, Judiciary, and Bench-Bar committees of that organization. He currently co-chairs SCBA's Commercial Division committee. His New York State Bar Association activities have included membership in the House of Delegates, the Executive Committee of the Real Property Section, and the By-laws and Nominating Committees. He is a past chair of the Committee on Lawyer Discipline and remains a member.

Mr. Besunder has also served as a court-appointed member of the Grievance Committee for the Tenth Judicial District; the Judicial Salaries Commission; the Independent Judicial Qualifications Commission, and is a current member of the Committee on Character and Fitness. In 2014 he was appointed to the Commercial Division Advisory Counsel on which he continues to serve.

Mr. Besunder has lectured extensively on such topics as ethics and the disciplinary process, real property issues, condemnation, and property valuation matters, and commercial law. He has been honored by his peers with awards of recognition and for pro bono service. The Suffolk County Bar Association has given him both the prestigious President's Award for Service to the Legal Profession and a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Education

Adelphi University (B.A. 1964)

Brooklyn Law School (J.D. 1967)

Bar Admissions

New York

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals Second Circuit

United States Court of Military Appeals

United States District Court Eastern and Southern Districts New York