

Jennifer Mazawey

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OVERVIEW

Jennifer Mazawey is a partner in the firm's Real Estate practice. Her experience includes working with developers in a number of asset classes, including mixed-use residential, retail, industrial, and office. Jennifer advises clients on all aspects of the development process, including zoning analyses, zoning changes, local planning board and zoning board approvals, and permit acquisition. She also assists clients with navigating the redevelopment process, which may include designation as a site's redeveloper, negotiation of redevelopment agreements, tax abatement applications, and negotiations of financial agreements. Jennifer works to secure state and local financing incentives for her clients and assists in a range of other transactional matters for them as well, including commercial leasing.

Prior to joining the firm, Jennifer served as a partner at a Newark law firm where she focused on commercial real estate and redevelopment, land use, and environmental law. She worked with clients to acquire development approvals before local boards, proceed through the redevelopment process, and obtain local and state financing incentives. Jennifer assisted clients with permit acquisitions from agencies such as the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Transportation.

Jennifer has over 20 years of experience practicing education law, advising clients on board governance, labor relations, special education, and school construction. She has handled matters at the Public Employment Relations Commission, Office of Administrative Law, and before state and federal courts.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Real Estate Law in Newark, NJ, 2015-2027
- Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* as a Recommended Lawyer for Real Estate – Mid-Market ($0-500m), 2026
- Recognized in BINJE's Best Commercial Real Estate Leaders 2025: Lawyers
- Named to the New Jersey Super Lawyers list for Land Use, 2018-2023
- Named to the New Jersey Rising Stars list, 2007-2013

- NJBIZ Best 50 Women in Business, 2016
- NJ Law Journal, New Leaders of the Bar, 2012
- ROI-NJ Influencers List
  - Real Estate: 2020-2023
  - Law: 2022, 2025
  - Women in Business: 2021-2024

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Alternate Director, CREW Network 2025 Board of Directors
- Newark Regional Business Partnership
  - Board Chair
  - Past Vice-Chair
- Member, New Jersey State Bar Association
  - Environment Section
  - Women in the Profession Section
  - Renewable Energy, Cleantech, and Climate Change Committee
- Member, New Jersey Women Lawyer Association
- Secretary, William Paterson University Foundation Board
- Member, Women Builders Council
- Past President, Commercial Real Estate Women of New Jersey (CREW-NJ)
- Past Chair, New Jersey State Bar Association Land Use Section

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 11 November 2025 – New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education – Hot Topics in Land Use
- 29 October 2025 – New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education – An Introduction to Redevelopment Law
- 15 May 2025 – New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting – Hot Topics in Land Use Law
- 17 September 2024 – New Jersey State Bar Association – The Basics of NJ Land Use Practice 2024

- 7 June 2024 – New Jersey Future and APA New Jersey's New Jersey Planning and Redevelopment Conference – Duke It Out: Building Code vs. Zoning Code
- 6 March 2024 – New Jersey State Bar Association 2024 Land Use Update – Decision, Resolution and Conditions of Approval
- 28 December 2023 – New Jersey State Bar Association Land Use Institute – Land Use Applications and Ethics
- 2 November 2023 – New Jersey State Bar Association Bankruptcy and Restructuring Forum – Real Estate, Land Use, Repurposing Real Estate
- 7 September 2023 – New Jersey State Bar Association – Advanced Topics in Zoning XII: What's Hot in Cannabis
- 18 May 2023 – New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting – Hot Topics in Land Use Law

EDUCATION

- J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law, 1997 *(cum laude)*
- B.A., Rutgers University, 1994

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New Jersey
- Bar of New York
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- November 2025, November 2025 Accolades
- 10 February 2025, January 2025 Accolades
- April 2024, April 2024 Accolades - Part 1
- 1 February 2024, January 2024 Accolades

NEWS & EVENTS

- 14 November 2023, K&L Gates Expands Real Estate Practice With Newark Partner Addition

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, “NRBP taps Nixon to succeed retiring Hallock as CEO, president,” *Real Estate NJ*, 4 September 2024
- Quoted, “After 25 years, Newark business group names first Black woman its new CEO,” *NJ Mosaic*, 4 September 2024
- Quoted, "Judge's ruling in Sparta case a red flag for NJ warehouse fights," *NJ Spotlight News*, 24 April 2024
- Quoted, "Longtime New Jersey land use, redevelopment attorney Mazawey moves to K&L Gates," *Real Estate NJ*, 15 November 2023

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Real Estate
- Environment and Energy
- Land Use, Planning, and Zoning