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Joseph A. Paparo is a principal of the firm and chair of the Real Estate, Land Use and Redevelopment, and Environmental practice groups.

Mr. Paparo effectively guides his clients through the local entitlement filing and approval process, including defending planning and zoning board appeals on behalf of developers. His clients include national and global companies in sectors such as industrial, national retailers, franchises, multi-family residential housing providers, non-profit housing organizations and private developers.

Mr. Paparo also served as the Zoning Board Attorney for the Township of Hazlet from 2010 - 2013, providing added valuable insight into the development approval process, to the benefit of his clients.

Recognitions

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- *The Best Lawyers in America*® - Land Use and Zoning Law (2023-2025); Litigation - Land Use and Zoning (2023-2025); Real Estate (2025)

Memberships

- Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, Local & County Affairs Committee
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Land Use Section

News

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- 26 Porzio Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2025 Edition; 6 Listed as *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*®, 8/15/2024
- 27 Porzio Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*®; *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*®, 8/17/2023

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- 24 Porzio Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers ® in America, 2023 Edition, 8/18/2022
- Joseph Paparo Joins Porzio as Principal in the Real Estate Practice Group, 7/24/2017

Articles

- Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental Newsletter - October 2024, 10/31/2024
- Significant Change in Sidewalk Liability Law for Commercial Property Owners, 7/19/2024
- Major Changes to Open Public Records Act: What Real Estate Professionals Need to Know, 7/19/2024
- Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental Newsletter - July 2024, 7/19/2024
- New Jersey Flood Risk Disclosure Law To Take Effect March 20, 2024: Key Actions Sellers and Landlords Need To Take To Comply, 3/08/2024
- The New Jersey Roadway & Traffic Permitting Guide, 4/25/2019

Speaking Engagements

- "Tax Incentives and Project Funding Opportunities," Porzio's Puerto Rico Legal & Compliance Summit, 2/04/2025

Practices

- Real Estate

Area of Focus

- Commercial Lending and Real Estate Financing
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions and Leasing
- Land Use and Redevelopment
- Real Estate Litigation

Industries

- Cannabis
- Warehousing and Storage

Media Mentions

- "Top New Jersey Cases Of 2023," *Law360*, 12/21/2023

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey, 1998

Joseph A. Paparo Cont.

- New York, 2001

Court Admissions

- United States District Court, District of New Jersey, 1998
- United States District Court, District of New York, 2001

Education

- *Seton Hall Law School*
J.D., 1998
- *The College of New Jersey*
B.A., 1995
cum laude