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Blustein, Shapiro, Rich & Barone, LLP's skilled attorneys have strong reputations for obtaining favorable results for their clients by providing keen and forward-thinking insights into complex legal matters. With offices in Goshen, Warwick, Poughkeepsie, and Monticello, N.Y., the growing firm offers diverse and sophisticated legal solutions to individuals, families, and businesses in five main practice areas: business law, wealth preservation, litigation, municipal law, and real estate transactions.

When you find yourself involved in a legal dispute or concerned about a legal issue, choose an uncompromising advocate who will fight for your best interests. Choose a Blustein, Shapiro, Rich & Barone attorney.

PRACTICE AREAS



Business Law

- Buying A Business
- Selling A Business
- Business Formations
- Business Shield™
- Banking & Settlements
- Construction Law
- Zoning & Land Use

We provide a wide variety of services to business clients, including organizational entity selection, agreement preparation, business sales and purchases, financing and funding assistance for business operations, collections, employee relations, and dissolution. We help businesses of all sizes establish themselves, become profitable, and remain that way. Our Business Shield™ Legal Maintenance Program can even simplify the crucial steps of corporate and LLC compliance that keep your business on sound legal footing, now and into the future. From initial start-up to business dissolution, we offer keen insight, professional representation, and first-class business tools that help your business be the most it can be – for you, your employees, and your family – every step of the way.



Wealth Preservation

- Guardianships
- Medicaid Planning
- Veterans' Benefits
- Estate Planning
- Business Succession Planning
- Elder Law
- Probate & Trust Administration
- Wills & Trusts
- Special Needs Planning

We understand that keeping money is as important as making it. The wealth you've worked hard to save needs to be carefully protected – both for you and the people you love. We take a counseling-oriented approach in providing comprehensive wealth preservation estate plans for individuals, business owners, and families. We help our clients protect and grow their assets by also helping them understand the path to their goals. Our attorneys work with individuals to prepare them for the future with plans flexible enough to overcome the unforeseen. We create plans that help businesses thrive now and into the future. In every case, our attorneys collaborate with clients to create strategies that meet and exceed their objectives, and take added measures to ensure that each plan remains current throughout the years.



Litigation

- Commercial Litigation & Appeals
- Personal Injury
- Estate & Probate Litigation
- Family Law
- Consumer Bankruptcy
- Commercial Collections
- Criminal Law
- Landlord-Tenant Law
- Mechanic's Liens
- Mediation & Arbitration

We have helped our clients recover millions of dollars in damages in personal injury cases. Our criminal defense attorneys, many of whom are former assistant district attorneys, have mounted appropriate defenses against both felony and misdemeanor charges. We stay current on all consumer bankruptcy laws, and carefully evaluate what type of bankruptcy may be right for each client. In matters of family law, our attorneys provide clients with detailed advice to help them make educated decisions in matters of divorce, custody battles, adoption, and paternity. When it is in a client's best interest to seek an out-of-court solution, we work closely with clients on mediation and arbitration to ensure that the method of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) best suits their needs.



Municipal Law

We provide public and private-sector clients with sophisticated solutions to issues related to municipal law. Many of our attorneys have extensive experience representing municipalities, and have served as town/village attorneys, as well as attorneys to local planning boards and zoning boards of appeals. Preventative law is integrated into the services we perform and the advice we give to our municipal clients, which helps avoid judicial or administrative challenges to their actions. Should the need arise, we will work diligently to resolve disputes, and will litigate matters as needed. Our hands-on approach to municipal law means that we are always available to assist with any issues that arise, from the earliest stages of development and beyond.



Real Estate Transactions

Whether you are a first-time home buyer or a commercial developer, we can assist in all areas of commercial and residential real estate law. Our attorneys are experienced in real estate acquisitions and sales, commercial leasing, real estate finance, and land use and zoning. We represent builders and developers of all sizes, and regularly appear before planning boards and zoning boards of appeals on behalf of both residential and commercial land developers. For home buyers and sellers, our attorneys can assist at every step of a transaction, from drafting documents to ensuring a smooth and efficient closing.

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Burt Blustein focuses his practice primarily on litigation, and business and corporate representation. As the firm's senior member, Burt takes pride in mentoring the firm's younger attorneys. Burt's vast trial-level experience has seen him argue appeals at all levels, including the New York State Court of Appeals. Burt has been admitted to the New York Bar, and before the U.S. District Courts for both the Southern and Northern Districts of New York. He is a member and past president of the Middletown Bar Association, as well as a member of the American, New York, and Orange County Bar Associations, the latter of which he has been a member for over 50 years. Burt served on the Orange County Bar Association Grievance Committee for 15 years, five of those as its chairman.



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