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#### **EDUCATION**

- George Washington University Law School, J.D., 1987
- George Washington University, B.A., *Phi Beta Kappa*, 1984

#### **BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS**

- New Jersey, 1987
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1987
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 1999

## **Carl A. Rizzo**

### **Member**

Litigation  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Tax Appeals  
Appeals  
Business Owner Disputes  
Employment Counseling & Litigation  
Environmental Litigation  
Surety and Insurance  
Tax Litigation  
Construction Services  
Employment Law

Carl Rizzo's broad and diverse practice includes concentration in commercial litigation matters and chancery practice relating to contractual disputes involving such matters as surety, construction and construction liens, real estate transactions, commercial tenancy, employment covenants and partnership/shareholder discord. He also concentrates his practice in tax court ad valorem proceedings, where he has successfully negotiated and litigated numerous matters involving millions of dollars in tax reductions for his commercial property owner clients. Mr. Rizzo also represents developer clients in land use and zoning matters, including both the prosecution of and objection to development applications as well as an extensive prerogative writs practice. He further has a wide-reaching basis of other litigation experience ranging from administrative appeals to applications for advantageous business designations as well as matters relating to attorney ethics and disciplinary proceedings. During 1988-1992, Mr. Rizzo was also a member of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer's Internal Attorney Ethics Committee responsible for the review of all potential ethical conflicts.

### **NOTEWORTHY**

Mr. Rizzo has been awarded an AV rating for his professionalism and the quality of his legal work from Martindale-Hubbell, the premier directory of legal professionals.

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Mr. Rizzo is Contributing Editor of the *Hotel Business Review*, the primary business journal of HotelExecutive.com.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Why "Card Check" Has Not Completely Checked Out, *Hotel Business Review*, September, 2011

Financing for Hotels: Do Lenders Have Any Room for the Inns?, *Hotel Business Review*, November 1, 2010

Two Ways to Identify True Property Value, *Hotel Business Review*, August 20, 2010

Ax Your Taxes, *GlobeSt.com*, February 9, 2010

Ask A Lawyer: Tax Appeal May Be a Sound Business Tactic, *The Record*, January 14, 2010

Timing May Be Right for Property Tax Appeal, *The Record*, December 16, 2008

Declining Commercial Property Values May Leave Many Businesses With Excessive Property Tax Bills, *Cole Schotz Docket*, Fall 2008

Disappointed Speculative Florida Real Estate Investors May Have a Way Out, *Cole Schotz Docket*, Summer 2008

Ask A Lawyer: Deadline for Filing Commercial Tax Appeal is April Fool's Day, *The Record*, January 15, 2008

Ask A Lawyer: How a Contractor Can Get a Deadbeat to Pay, *The Record*, July 3, 2007

Ask A Lawyer: Don't Let Neighbors Take Your Property, *The Record*, June 5, 2007

**LAW BLOG ARTICLES**

The Passing of the Holiday Season Signals That Property Tax Appeal Season is Upon Us, *Real Estate & Construction Law Monitor*

Commercial Clients are Urged to Consider Whether a Tax Appeal Makes Sense in Today's Troubling Real Estate Market

The Annual Real Property Tax Appeal Countdown Has Begun, *Real Estate & Construction Law Monitor*

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Short Cuts Will Not Be Tolerated When it Comes to Real Property Value Determinations, *Real Estate & Construction Law Monitor*

Recent Decision Presents Valuable Case Study In the Legal Considerations Attendant to Shutting Down Business Operations, *Environmental & Energy Law Monitor*

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- The Time to Fight City Hall is Now: Why a Real Estate Tax Appeal Makes Sense, *Cole Schotz Seminar*, March 3, 2010
- Found Money in Hard Times: Why File a Real Estate Tax Appeal?, *Cole Schotz Seminar*, January 13, 2009

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- American Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Bergen County Bar Association (Land Use Section)
- Middlesex County Bar Association
- Monmouth County Bar Association