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BIOGRAPHY

Kurt Steinhouse is an associate with the U.S. Planning and Zoning Practice in the firm's New York office. He focuses his practice on all aspects of land use, zoning and real estate development in New York City.

Before joining the firm, Kurt served as general counsel to the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals. As such, he worked on numerous complex projects involving residential, commercial and community facility development and advised city agencies and the private sector on New York's reticulated zoning, construction codes and environmental review requirements. He drafted hundreds of resolutions for board adoption, participated in public hearings, developed litigation strategy and oversaw outside counsel defending the city in litigation. Kurt also coordinated with governmental agencies and officials and represented the agency before the New York City Council.

Before joining the Board of Standards and Appeals in 2016, Kurt worked as an assistant general counsel with the New York City Department of Buildings, where he represented the agency in interpretive appeals before the Board of Standards and Appeals, and as a postgraduate fellow in the legal department of New York City Economic Development Corporation.

Kurt teaches planning law at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation as an adjunct professor, and he chairs the New York City Bar Association's Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee.

Kurt received his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and his B.A., *summa cum laude*, from The College of William and Mary, where he was a James Monroe Scholar.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED DECISIONS:

- [AAG Mgt., Inc. v. New York State Urb. Dev. Corp., No. 159184/22, 2024 WL 5048880 \(N.Y. App. Div. 1st Dept. Dec. 10, 2024\)](#)
- [Penn Community Defend Fund v. New York State Urban Development Corp., Index No. 159154/2022; AAG Management, Inc. v. New York State Urban Development Corp., Index No. 159184/2022, 2023 WL 6126233 \(Sup. Ct. N.Y. County Sept. 19, 2023\)](#)

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America, Land Use and Zoning Law-New York, 2024–2025
- Legal 500, Land Use/Zoning, 2024
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Adjunct Professor, 2022-2024
- New York City Bar Association, Chair, Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee, 2017–present; Secretary, New York City Charter Revision Task Force, 2018–2019
- Gay Real Estate Group (GREG), New York City Chapter
- LGBT Bar Association of New York
- American Bar Association

ADMISSIONS

- New York, 2013

EDUCATION

- Columbia University, J.D., 2012
- College of William and Mary, B.A., summa cum laude, 2008

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Planning & Zoning
- Infrastructure
- Real Estate Disputes
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Real Estate Sector
- Real Estate

RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

- "Land Use in New York City," N.Y. Zoning Law & Practice Ch. 12 (5th ed. 2024)
- "Mayor Announces 'Get Stuff Built' Plan to Streamline Building and Land Use Processes," CityLand (Jan. 19, 2023)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Practical Guide to Zoning and Land Use Law in New York," National Business Institute, November 18, 2024
- "Drafting and Negotiating Community Benefits Agreements," American Bar Association, May 26, 2023
- "What a Relief! Practicing Before the NYC Board of Standards & Appeals," New York City Bar Association, April 19, 2018

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Associate Authors New Chapter for NY Zoning Law Legal Treatise

Insights

Dec 09, 2024

New York City council adopts significant zoning changes under city of yes for housing opportunity

Awards

Nov 04, 2024

Crain's NY Business names Kurt Steinhouse as a 2024 40 Under 40 Honoree

Awards

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The Best Lawyers in America® 2024

News

May 17, 2023

Lawyer to serve as panelist at ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development

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Jan 20, 2023

Mayor Announces "Get Stuff Built" Plan to Streamline Building and Land Use Processes

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BCLP Land Use Team Makes Key Hire