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Kathleen Deegan Dickson is a partner at Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo, Cohn & Terrana, LLP with offices in Uniondale and Melville. Deegan Dickson concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate transactional matters with an emphasis on land use and zoning law. She has an extensive track record of successful public presentations before municipal boards and agencies on significant projects throughout Long Island.

Deegan Dickson has a reputation for effectiveness and integrity in the pre-hearing meetings and outreach to municipal planning staffs and civic groups.

"My practice is concentrated in the

areas of land use and real estate development," Deegan Dickson said. "One of the biggest issues confronting my clients and the industry is the public's fear of change and the need for leadership from our local public officials to ensure that short-term thinking does not hamstring our future."

It is very difficult to get people to understand that good growth is necessary and that not all development is bad, Deegan Dickson noted.

"With two year terms for many of the government decision makers, it is difficult for them to make unpopular decisions that would nevertheless be for the greater good," she said. "By the time these leaders have been proven right, they may have been pushed out of office. There are many examples of strong leadership on Long Island, but even for these strong leaders, each time they make a good, yet unpopular, decision, they run the risk of losing their jobs.

"The public needs to be educated on the principals of intelligent growth — that the right development in the right places will have a positive effect on their quality of life, will help lower their taxes and will enable young people to continue to live and work on Long Island, thereby ensuring a successful future for our region," Deegan Dickson said.

Deegan Dickson is former counsel to the City of Glen Cove planning and zoning boards and currently represents many developers, property owners, corporations and private individuals in all types of matters involving real property transactions, zoning and land use.

She has been awarded an "AV" legal ability and ethics rating by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory — the very highest rating this nationally recognized publication has established. This rating is based upon extensive confidential peer review surveys.

Deegan Dickson earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Providence College and a juris doctor from St. John's University School of Law.

Deegan Dickson is admitted to practice before the Courts of the States of New York and Connecticut. She is a member of the American and the NYS Bar Associations, as well as the Nassau County Women's Bar Association, Women Economic Developers of Long Island and the Nassau County Catholic Lawyer's Guild. She also serves on the advisory council of the North Shore University Hospital at Glen Cove and the board of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation.

Deegan Dickson has also published articles on land subdivision in the New York Real Estate Journal.

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