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Steve's practice includes providing legal services to local government, energy, real estate development, natural resource, manufacturing and waste management companies in all aspects of environment and land use law.

Representative matters during the past several years include numerous administrative and judicial proceedings relating to hazardous waste and sanitary landfill issues, environmental impact statements and public hearings for the siting of major electric generating facilities, large commercial and industrial real estate developments, major industrial waste disposal facilities, harbor development projects, and research and development laboratories.

His experience includes:

- Securing all required local, State, and Federal approvals for a 1250 MW electric generating facility in Dover, NY, which will provide replacement power to the when the Indian Point nuclear facility closes.
- Counseling independent power producers on significant cogeneration, repowering, transmission and new electric generating facilities that ranged from 40 MW to 800 MW while the new generating facilities comprised 350 MW to 1,000 MW.
- Serving as lead counsel in state litigation contesting the denial of a permit to develop a regional commercial project, which was ultimately settled by selling hundreds of acres of prime tidal wetlands to the federal government, revising the municipal coastal zoning code, securing all state and federal permits, and developing the uplands.
- Representing a municipality bifurcated by a major road network where the state DOT would not pledge to replace five bridges connecting the municipality subsequent to a major roadway construction project;
- Securing state and federal permits for the continued operation of the largest hazardous waste treatment facility in the region with the action affirmed on appeal.
- Securing the necessary state and federal authorizations, along with the purchase of the state property rights, in order for the client to build the largest oil tanker off-loading facility in New York harbor.

- Representing County in the environmental reviews of a major upgrading of athletic facilities to accommodate the Goodwill Games and successfully defending the County in a suit attempting to block the Goodwill Games.

Steve previously served as a Deputy Attorney General in the State of New Jersey, representing the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Steve then served as Enforcement Counsel, Deputy Commissioner, and First Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. He has been involved in all aspects of environmental and land use law and has lectured extensively before professional organizations concerning environmental law and litigation.

Education

- Rutgers University (B.A., 1963)
- University of Pennsylvania (LL.B., 1966)

Bar Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey
- District of Columbia

Professional Affiliations

- The District of Columbia Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- New York City Bar Association

Honors & Awards

- Recognition in *Who's Who Legal – Environment & Climate 2023*, a publication of Lexology (2023)
- *Super Lawyers*, part of Thomson Reuters, New York Super Lawyer (2010-2023)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, a Best Lawyers® publication, recognition in Environmental Law (2016-2024)
- *Chambers and Partners – USA*, Band 3 in Environmental Law (2014-2024)
- *Who's Who Legal*, part of Law Business Research Ltd., recognition in Environmental Law (2016-2020)

Publications

April 3, 2020

New York Approves \$3 Billion 2020 Conservation Bond Act

Beveridge & Diamond

March 15, 2018

Second Circuit Confirms NYSDEC Waived Water Quality Certification Authority by Delaying Decision on Application

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January 19, 2017

NEC FUTURE Names Preferred Alternative and Releases the Final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement

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May 4, 2016

NYSERDA Rolls Out Stage 2 of NY Prize Competition

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April 26, 2016

Solar Developers and Utilities Propose Valuing CO2 Emissions

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April 4, 2016

New York State Modifies Standardized Interconnection Requirements

Beveridge & Diamond

December 16, 2015

NYSDEC to Propose Emission Limits for Distributed Generation Sources

Beveridge & Diamond

December 4, 2015

New York State's Microgrid Development Incentives

Beveridge & Diamond

November 24, 2015

New York State to Order that 50% of Power Consumed by New Yorkers be from Renewable Sources by 2030

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October 29, 2015

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Revises Regulations Governing Bulk Storage Tanks

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July 2, 2015

New Application Process Takes Effect for New York Brownfield Cleanup Program

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