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John Shea's practice involves real estate transactions of all kinds, environmental law, zoning, construction, and litigation related to all of those matters. His development work includes extensive environmental analysis and cleanup to maximize the value of real estate.

Mr. Shea also conducts high-end residential real estate transactions in the Hamptons communities on Eastern Long Island for high net worth individuals who require privacy and discretion as well as top-level legal representation. His clients often seek his counsel on personal matters, including estate planning.

Mr. Shea served as Counsel to the White House Council on Environmental Quality, and prior to that was an Assistant Attorney General for New York State in the Environmental Protection Bureau. He began his practice in Manhattan in the areas of commercial litigation and corporate transactions. His is a graduate of Georgetown University, A.B. (1969), and Fordham University, J.D. (1972).



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In his more than 25 years of practice, Mr. Ecoff has represented hundreds of clients and has achieved exceptional results. He regularly represents investors, developers, contractors, and private clients in connection with multi-million dollar real estate transactions, including the acquisition, sale, transfer or refinance of residential and commercial properties. This year alone, Mr. Ecoff will have assisted the firm's clients with the purchase and sale of over \$500 million of commercial and residential real estate, and over \$350 million in real estate financing.

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