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Rachel Scelfo is Of Counsel to the Land Use and Zoning Practice Group at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP. She is located in the firm's Hauppauge office. Prior to joining the firm, she was Counsel to a large Long Island full-service law firm for 11 years.

Ms. Scelfo has vast experience in representing corporations, developers and individuals in a myriad of zoning and land use matters before municipal boards, including zoning and planning boards. She has served as counsel to several village boards including zoning boards and design review boards and represents clients in district courts and village courts with respect to code violations. Her practice includes the preparation, filing and managing of applications for change of zones, site plan review, subdivisions, variances and special use permits in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. She also represents clients in litigation matters involving the towns and villages, including Article 78 proceedings.

As a Senior Assistant Town Attorney in the Town of Babylon Town Attorney's Office from 2003 until 2005, she served as counsel to the Town of Babylon Zoning Board of Appeals and as Special Assistant District Attorney prosecuting Town Code violations.

Ms. Scelfo earned her Juris Doctor from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University in 2002. From Stony Brook University in 1999, she earned a Master of Arts in Political Science, concentrating in Public Policy; and in 1998, a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History.

Ms. Scelfo interned at the District Court Bureau of the Office of the Suffolk County District Attorney, and worked for two years as a law clerk at a boutique law firm in Suffolk County assisting a sole practitioner with his litigation practice, while attending law school.

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She is a member of the Babylon Village Zoning Board, and she also serves as President of the West Babylon Public Library Board of Trustees.

In 2014 and 2015, the Nassau County Bar Association recognized Ms. Scelfo as an Access to Justice Pro Bono Honoree, and she has earned an AV Preeminent Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating.

Admitted to practice in the state of New York, Ms. Scelfo is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association.

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