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PRACTICE AREAS

[Real Estate](#)
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EDUCATION

Washington & Lee
University (J.D., 1986)
Bridgewater College
(B.A., *magna cum laude*,
1983)

ADMISSIONS

Rhode Island
U.S. District Court,
District of Rhode Island

OVERVIEW

As legal counsel to many government agencies, real estate developers and national businesses with sites and facilities in Rhode Island, Rob knows real estate, land use, government affairs and municipal law inside and out. That in-depth knowledge helps him find fast, practical solutions and efficient strategies for our clients in regulatory matters, transactions and disputes. He has represented developers of transportation hubs, power plants, hospitals, hotels, housing, retail centers and industrial parks.

He guided the State of Rhode Island's acquisition of former Navy bases at Quonset and Davisville and has shepherded numerous projects for national and local clients through regulatory and governmental agencies, from local zoning boards to federal bureaucracies—processes that required extensive legal knowledge, common sense, diplomacy and trust.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Rob has enjoyed a wide range of real estate experiences, including the permitting and implementation of the state's first large methane gas burning electric power plant. Representing the developer, Rob successfully secured the permits, easements and utility agreements necessary for the collection of the state landfill's methane gas in conformance with Clean Air Act standards and local land use requirements.
- Rob has obtained entitlements for McDonald's Corporation in their expansion and renovation of facilities in Rhode Island.
- In obtaining permits for all of Toll Brothers, Inc.'s Rhode Island projects, he was able to coordinate and mitigate the concerns of neighbors, town planners, investors, buyers and lawyers to avoid delay and appeal. Rob also drafted the operating documents for many condominium associations and alternative home owners associations.

- Rob led Eaton Corporation's legal team in relocating its aerospace manufacturing facility in Rhode Island in a sophisticated development proposal that included United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Agency (EDA) grants and leases with a municipal redevelopment agency.
- He negotiated a settlement of regulatory violations for a distressed nursing home owner that facilitated the successful sale of facilities. That would not have occurred without his first mastering the facilities' business issues and obtaining the trust of the regulators.
- Rob quarterbacked the comprehensive rezoning of an historic mill building located on a major commercial and recreational harbor to allow for mixed use development. This project required the approval of many local, state and federal regulators.
- He drafted and negotiated tax incentive documentation between the State of Rhode Island and such companies as CVS, Bank of America, IGT, Amgen and Electric Boat.

SEMINARS / PUBLICATIONS

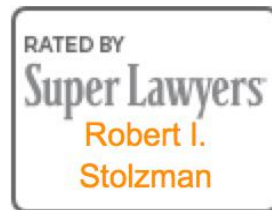
- Co-Author, [New Rhode Island Acquired Real Estate Company Conveyance Tax Leaves Many Unanswered Questions](#), JD Supra, September, 2015.
- Lecturer, Rhode Island Bar Association.

HONORS

- *Best Lawyers'* 2018 Lawyer of the Year, Real Estate Law, Providence.
- *Best Lawyers'* 2017 Lawyer of the Year, Public Finance, Providence.
- Recipient of the Rhode Island Bar Association's 2015 Dorothy Lohmann Community Service Award.
- Elected Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.
- Selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2006–2019 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of Real Estate Law.
- Recognized in the *Chambers USA America's Leading Business Lawyers* in Real Estate Law.
- Named a Rhode Island *Super Lawyer*, 2007-2015 and 2018.
- AV rated by *Martindale-Hubbell*, its highest rating for attorneys.
- At Washington and Lee University School of Law, a Martin P. Burks teaching fellow and Rutgers Award winner for best team brief in the nation in the Jessup International Moot Court Competition.



LEADING INDIVIDUAL



IN THE COMMUNITY

- Bridgewater College, Board of Trustees member, executive committee member and former alumni association president.
- President's Advisory Council – Roger Williams University.
- President, Temple Beth-El, Providence.
- Board of Directors, Camp JORI.
- Board Member, Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island.
- Board member, Providence Foundation.
- Board member, Housing Works Rhode Island.
- Graduate, Leadership Rhode Island 1993.

