

CHRIS COSCHIGNANO NAMED AS ONE OF *LIBN*'S "AROUND 50"

Chris Coschignano, a Partner with the firm, has been named as one of *Long Island Business News*' "Around 50." The award recognizes those in the business community around the age of 50 who make significant contributions to their field. Mr. Coschignano was recognized at an event held on September 29 at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury.

Mr. Coschignano has been a practicing attorney since 1990. He concentrates his practice in the areas of zoning and land use planning, real estate law and transactions, municipal and legislative law, economic development and industrial development agency law, advanced litigation in state and federal courts and matrimonial and family law. He has handled some of the most complex zoning and land use planning projects on Long Island, and he and his projects have been recognized by multiple organizations for smart growth and proper planning objectives. Additionally, he is well-versed in municipal benefits and industrial development agency (IDA) law, thus allowing his clients the additional means of government economic development support, as well as the ability to create public-private partnerships.

In addition to his practice with the firm, Mr. Coschignano serves as a Councilman with the Town of Oyster Bay, having been elected to that position in 2001 and re-elected in 2005, 2009 and 2013. Prior to that, he was appointed in 1995 to serve as Counsel to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Oyster Bay to oversee the operations and exclusively handle all municipal litigation involving the agency. As Town Councilman, he has strived to make town government more efficient and provide quality service at the lowest cost possible to the taxpayers. He is also involved in preserving the character of the Town's neighborhoods and the prevention of overdevelopment. Mr. Coschignano was instrumental in the formation of the Syosset Downtown Revitalization Committee and Redevelopment Plan and the Oyster Bay Hamlet Moratorium against overdevelopment. He currently serves as chairman of the Syosset Hamlet Revitalization and Redevelopment Plan Committee and helped obtain a \$1.5 million grant for the Downtown Syosset Streetscape project.

Mr. Coschignano participates and assists with the annual Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor's 5K Run to help raise money for various charities. He has worked with and been recognized by Homes For Our Homecoming Heroes to provide its first-ever house to a returning war veteran. The land for the 1,900-square-foot house is located in Hicksville and was acquired through Nassau County. Mr. Coschignano provided pro bono legal assistance to help form the non-profit group.

Mr. Coschignano is a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Boys & Girls Club, as well as its pro bono legal counsel, and is an Honorary Director of the Syosset Chamber of Commerce and the North Shore Boys and Girls Club. In 2014, he was honored at St. Edward Confessor School's 15th Annual Golf & Tennis Classic for his ongoing commitment and involvement in the school and in Catholic education. He is a parishioner at St. Edward Confessor Church, where he coordinates the church's annual festival, and has served as an usher since 1995. In 2012, he received the *Long Island Business News* Leadership in Law Award. Mr. Coschignano also volunteers his time to coach children in Oyster Bay-East Norwich soccer, Oyster Bay baseball and Pride in Athletics for Life (PAL) ice hockey.

In February 2015, Mr. Coschignano received the Keith Romaine Elected Official of the Year Award from Touro Law Center. The award is named for the late Brookhaven Town councilman and Touro Law graduate, and is given to those in recognition of their interest and passion for government. In May 2015, the Touro Law Center also honored Mr. Coschignano as its “Alumni of the Month.”

Mr. Coschignano is a member of the American, New York State and Nassau County Bar Associations and the Nassau Lawyers’ and the Columbian Lawyers’ Associations. Mr. Coschignano was admitted to practice law in the State of New York and the State of Connecticut in 1990. He received his undergraduate degree from St. John’s University (B.S., 1985), and his law degree from Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center at Touro College (J.D., 1990).