



## E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY / PARTNER

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### EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 1987, cum laude)
- SUNY Albany (B.A., 1983, summa cum laude)

### PRACTICE AREAS

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- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental
- International Practice Group
- Not-For-Profit
- Real Estate
- Zoning & Land Use

E. Christopher (Chris) Murray has over 30 years of experience in all aspects of complex commercial, environmental, real estate, brokerage commission, insurance, employment, civil rights, anti-trust and trademark litigation; as well as commercial real estate and business transactions. His practice includes jury and non-jury trials in Federal and State court, as well as arbitration proceedings and administrative hearings. He has numerous reported Federal and State appellate level decisions involving real estate disputes, breach of contract claims, employment discrimination, Article 78 proceedings and partnership dissolutions. He has presented programs before the Nassau County Bar Association and the Nassau County Planning Federation on land use litigation, employment practices and civil rights.

A Partner in the Litigation Department at Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C., he is also Chair of the Environmental and Land Use Practice Group. Chris' experience includes litigation and administrative hearings involving a variety of environmental issues including SEQRA compliance, violations of New York and federal law concerning the disposal of hazardous waste, challenges to the denial of wetland permits and CERCLA liability. He also advises clients regarding compliance with environmental and zoning laws and regulations.

Chris is a past President of the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce, the umbrella organization for over 40 local chambers of commerce in Nassau County, representing more than 6,000 small businesses. He serves on the board of a number of charities and not-for-profit organizations, including Life's WORC and the Citizens Campaign for the Environment.

Chris is Chairman of the Suffolk County Community College Board of Trustees, the largest community college serving over 25,000 students, and Chris has served on the Town of North Hempstead Board of Zoning and Appeals, Nassau County Ethics Commission, North Hempstead Housing Authority and the Nassau County Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee. Chris is the recipient of the New York County Lawyers Association's Award for Conspicuous Service. This award is for his authorship of the Civil Litigation Reforms chapter in the treatise Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts, fifth edition.

#### Recent representative matters include:

- Obtained an injunction prohibiting the posting on social media of defamatory statements about the Superintendent of a local water district;
- \$550,000 jury verdict in Nassau County Supreme Court against a Village in a malicious prosecution/civil rights case;
- \$1.45 million judgment after a jury trial in King County Superior Court, State of Washington in favor of a Long Island based aerospace manufacturer;
- \$1.2 million dollar judgment after a jury trial in the Eastern District of New York in a land use Section 1983 claim;
- \$800,000 arbitration award on behalf of a contractor involving the renovation of a nursing home in Brooklyn;
- Dismissal of a RICO claim in the Eastern District of New York, affirmed on appeal, against a Long Island plumbing supply company;
- Successful representation of an environmental group opposing the Suffolk County Water Authority attempt to drill a well in Lloyd Aquifer;
- \$600,000 judgment after trial in Suffolk County Supreme Court in favor of a real estate broker suing for a finder's fee in connection with a construction project;
- Successfully representing an attorney in overturning on an appeal to the Second Circuit a denial of an attorney's fee request in the World Trade Center litigation.

#### PUBLICATIONS

- Murray: In defense of Facebook (*Articles, Commercial Litigation*)
- Second Circuit Reinstates Challenge To New York City Ban On Enforcing Personal Guaranties of Commercial Leases (*Alerts, Commercial Litigation*)
- Twenty-Five Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2021 (*Press Releases*)
- RMF Attorney E. Christopher Murray Honoree at Life's WORC 33rd Annual Geraldo Rivera Golf Classic (*Press Releases*)
- RMF Attorney E. Christopher Murray to Receive 2021 Equity Award by The Urban League of Long Island Equal Opportunity Day (EOD) Committee (*Press Releases*)

- RMF Partners Mark S. Mulholland and E. Christopher Murray Presented with the New York County Lawyers Association's Award for Conspicuous Service. (*Press Releases*)
- Seventeen Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2020 (*Press Releases*)
- No real surprises from SCOTUS this year (*Articles, Commercial Litigation*)
- Enforceability Of Contracts During A Pandemic (*Alerts, Commercial Litigation*)
- RMF Partner E. Christopher Murray Successfully Represented Client in Libel Case Involving Facebook Posts (*Press Releases*)
- State takes steps to address 1, 4-dioxane pollution (*Environmental*)
- Fifteen Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers for 2019 (*Press Releases*)
- Theresa Sanders steps aside as Suffolk Community College board chair (*Commercial Litigation*)
- Town sued for failure to protect school from odor (*Commercial Litigation*)
- Critics sue to block College Point homeless shelter (*Commercial Litigation*)
- Shen Yun: Fighting Communism – and making a stack on the side (*Commercial Lending*)
- College Point Group Hires Lawyer to Fight City's Plan to Open Shelter (*Commercial Litigation*)
- Residents, teachers seek monetary damages over Brookhaven Town landfill (*Commercial Litigation*)
- Oyster Bay Town critic ordered to remove online posts in defamation lawsuit (*Commercial Litigation*)
- New Zoning for a New Economy (*Construction*)
- Sixteen Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named as New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers for 2017 (*Press Releases*)
- Newsday- Widow gets \$550G in storm drain suit (*Articles, Commercial Litigation*)
- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Victorious in Civil Rights Case Brought by Residents Against the Village of Roslyn (*Press Releases*)
- DEC Announces Proposed Revisions to SEQRA Regulations (*Environmental*)
- Christopher Murray Appointed to Board of Trustees of Suffolk County Community College (*Press Releases*)
- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C. Forms Not- For- Profit Practice Group (*Press Releases*)
- E. Christopher Murray: LI brownfields are ripe for new development (*Alerts, Environmental*)
- New York Court Strikes Blow Against Fracking (*Alerts, Environmental*)
- Supreme Court Ruling A Green Light For EPA Climate Change Regulations (*Alerts, Environmental*)
- Attempted use of SEQRA to Avoid Competition Rejected (*Commercial Litigation*)
- Gulf Spills Oil Impact (*Articles, Environmental*)

