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Full Service Law Firm for Cooperatives,
Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations

Started more than 20 years ago by Managing Partner Marc H. Schneider, Esq., Schneider Buchel's roots grew from Schneider's own experience as the board president of his co-op in Great Neck, New York.

"I remember having to deal with residents knocking on my door at midnight when there was a flood or other problems," recalls Schneider, "and being faced with how to practically handle these emotional issues. I think my experience as a board president really differentiates our firm from other attorneys in our area of law, because I know what it's like to sit on both sides of the table."

Schneider has been practicing community association law for more than two decades. His partner, Justin Buchel, joined the firm in 2009. Buchel, who graduated with a degree in physics from Emory University, previously worked as a patent attorney. Buchel's skills in reviewing engineering drawings and specifications come in handy in his representation of community associations, which often have large construction projects (e.g., roof replacements, Local Law 11 work, etc.).

Today, the firm has many attorneys, all of whom focus on the representation of community associations and community association matters. The firm now represents hundreds of community associations, some with more than 1,000 units and others with as few as four, and services the entire New York metropolitan area as far east as Montauk and straight into Manhattan, as well as all five boroughs. We can handle any matter your co-op, condominium, or homeowners association will encounter, such as a resident asking for permission to harbor a comfort pet in a no-pets building; a proceeding based on objectionable conduct of a co-op resident; construction defect litigation against a sponsor; contracts with vendors (i.e., brick pointing, Local Law 11, management agreement, snow removal, etc.); litigation; co-op, condominium, and HOA arrears matters; and matters involving governing documents of community associations.

Recognizing the fact that boards and their property managers often have situations that require immediate response and assistance, the firm's attorneys are always available. In fact, Schneider and Buchel recall having to deal with a board emergency on a recent weekend. "The firm prides itself in being available when its clients need them the most; not just during normal business hours," says Schneider.



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LEGAL GUIDANCE RESOURCEFUL SOLUTIONS

- General Counsel to co-ops, condominiums, and homeowners associations
- Amendments to by-laws, declarations, and house rules
- Landlord/tenant – non-payment of maintenance and other breach of proprietary lease matters
- Review and negotiation of contracts
- Refinancing of co-op mortgages and other financing
- Condominium financing for improvements and repairs
- Closing department for closings of co-op apartment sales
- Condominium and homeowner association arrears/foreclosure matters
- Discrimination and reasonable accommodation issues (i.e., comfort pet and handicap accessibility requests)
- Litigation department (includes lawsuits brought by or against boards and insurance defense litigation where we are appointed by your board's carrier)
- Commercial litigation
- Real estate transactions
- We routinely provide free updates to boards and managing agents on new laws and court cases which affect community associations