

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 nearly three 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.).

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Schneider Buchel LLP represents hundreds of community associations, some with more than 1,000 units and others with as few as four, located throughout New York State. 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
- underlying mortgage refinances for co-ops or financing of capital improvement and repair projects for condominiums and HOAs
- matters involving governing documents of community associations

The firm has many attorneys, all of whom focus on the representation of community associations and their matters. The firm is departmentalized, so if you have a contract to draft or review, it will be assigned to attorneys who handle community association-related contracts. Similarly, if there is a lawsuit, the attorneys in the firm's litigation team will handle the matter. 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.

“We pride ourselves on being available when our clients need us most; not just during normal business hours.”

– Marc H. Schneider, Esq.



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- 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

