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Christopher E. Kent is a partner in Farrell Fritz, PC's real estate, land use, municipal and zoning practice groups.

Prior to joining the firm in 2011, Kent served as chief deputy county executive for Suffolk County for two and a half years. Prior to being chief deputy, he was director of real property acquisition and management for Suffolk County.

As Long Island faces the cleanup phase of Hurricane Sandy, storm related legal issues have arisen and property owners must be ready, Kent said.

"Long Island property and business owners who rebuild must be prepared to endure whatever Mother Nature may bring our way because we cannot avoid it," he said. "They must take time to assess their risks, review their covered losses and be aware of the exclusions from coverage under their insurance policies, and always seek the advice of experienced professionals who can best prepare them for whatever the future may bring."

Kent previously had his own Riverhead law practice where he focused in real estate, municipal, and environmental law for more than 20 years. While in private practice, he served the Town of Riverhead as deputy supervisor, deputy town attorney, and as a member of the town board. He was also an adjunct professor of state and local government at Suffolk County Community College. Kent began his career as a legislative aide in the Suffolk County Legislature in 1982.

Kent was elected to the YMCA of Long Island, Inc.'s board of directors in 2012. He also serves on the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council's infrastructure workgroup and the Long Island Association's energy and environment committee and their economic development and infrastructure committee.

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