

## **G. Kenneth Bernhard**

PRINCIPAL

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Ken has forty- five years of practical experience representing individuals and a wide range of businesses in litigation, real property issues, and transactional matters. Having served as the Town Attorney for three Connecticut municipalities under eleven different administrations, Ken is acknowledged by his peers as an expert in matters involving land use, administrative appeals, condemnations, foreclosures, contracts and the drafting of regulations and legislation. He is listed in The Best Lawyers in America© 2013-2022 editions for his work in the area of Municipal Law, and in the 2018-2022 editions for his work in the area of Real Estate Law.

Ken previously served in the U.S. Army as a member of the Judge Advocates Generals Corps as an associate professor of law at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York where he taught both criminal and constitutional law. Ken is a Senior Attorney with the Center for International Legal Studies located in Salzburg, Austria, and under its auspices he has taught United States Constitutional Law at nine different law universities in foreign countries from Latvia to Mongolia.

### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Municipal

Business & Corporate

Criminal Defense

Family Law

Land Use & Zoning

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Real Estate



## EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, LL.M., 1970

New York University School of Law, J.D., 1969

Yale University, B.A. 1966

## ADMISSIONS

Connecticut

U.S. Court of Military Appeals

U.S. District Court District of Connecticut

U.S. Supreme Court

## HONORS & AWARDS

Martindale-Hubbell, AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Peer Rating

Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup>, Municipal Law, 2013-2022

Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup>, Real Estate Law, 2018-2022

Westport-Weston Chamber of Commerce First Citizen Award, 2019

Westport First Award, 2011

Distinguished Citizen Award, Boy Scout's Connecticut Yankee Council, 2010

Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award

## NEWS

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named in *Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> 2022 Edition  
08.19.2021

For Westport Rotary Clubs, Ukraine is Moot  
*06880 Where Westport Meets the World*, 10.15.2020

Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named in *Best Lawyers*® 2021 Edition  
08.20.2020

Twenty Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named to the 2020 *Best Lawyers*® List  
*Best Lawyers*®, 08.15.2019

Attorney Kenneth G. Bernhard to Receive First Citizen Award  
*Westport Chamber of Commerce*, 06.12.2019

Nineteen Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Lawyers Recognized in *The Best Lawyers In America*© 2019  
*Best Lawyers*®, 08.15.2018

Nineteen Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named Among "*The Best Lawyers in America*"© 2018  
*The Best Lawyers in America*®, 08.15.2017

Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2017  
*The Best Lawyers in America*© 2017, 08.15.2016

Lawyer Aiding Syrian Refugees: "A Shame if We Overreacted"  
*westportnow.com*, 11.17.2015

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named Among "Best Lawyers in America" for 2016  
*Best Lawyers*®, 08.17.2015

Cohen and Wolf Attorneys Named Among "*The Best Lawyers in America*" for 2015  
*The Best Lawyers in America*®, 08.18.2014

Ken Bernhard Appointed to Serve on Public Defenders Commission  
03.27.2014

Sixteen Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014  
*Best Lawyers*, 08.15.2013

Bernhard to Teach Students in Budapest Marking Seventh Trip of Kind  
02.14.2013

Fifteen Cohen and Wolf Attorneys to be Included in the *Best Lawyers in America* - 2013 Edition  
*Best Lawyers*, 08.23.2012

Bernhard Appointed to Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine  
04.27.2012

G. Kenneth Bernhard Appointed to Fidelco Board  
06.23.2011

A Sole-ful Endeavor  
*Westport Now*, 04.26.2011

Ken Bernhard Named Co-Chair of the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters  
01.13.2011

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Examining the 2nd Amendment presented by Attorney Kenneth Bernhard  
The Westport Library, 03.04.2020

## **PUBLICATIONS**

An Indian Adventure  
*The Magazine*, 07.20.2012

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Connecticut Bar Association

Greater Bridgeport Bar Association

Westport Bar Association, Past President

Public Defenders Service Commission, overseeing the Connecticut Public Defenders Office 2014-present

State Board of Veterinary Medicine, 2012-present

Judicial Review Council, 2007-2011

Citizen's Advisory Board overseeing the Office of State Ethics, Chairman, 2010

## SUPPORT STAFF

Daniela Gentile  
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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Connecticut League of Conservation Voters, 2005-present, Chairman, 2015-18

Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Board of Directors, 2012-present, Chairman, 2019

Westport State Representative, Connecticut General Assembly, 1997-2005, Assistant Minority Leader, Judiciary and Environmental Committees, 1997-2005

Westport Dangerous Dog Committee, Chairperson 2010-present

Westport Public Library, Board of Directors 2012-present

Westport-Weston Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors 2012-14

Aspetuck Land Trust, Board Member, 2011-2019

Westport Historical Society, 2017-present

State of Connecticut Judicial Review Council, 2005-2011

State of Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine, 2012

State of Connecticut Public Defender's Commission, 2014

State of Connecticut Citizens Advisory Board, 2005-2010

