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Education

Benjamin N. Cardozo
School of Law, J.D., 1983

Illinois State University,
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Areas of Law

Farmland Preservation

Real Estate

Land Use & Zoning

Municipal Law

Civil Litigation

Wills, Trusts & Estates

Business & Corporate Law

Ms. Kombrink is a Partner in the firm and serves private and government clients in farmland and open space preservation, zoning, real estate, and land use litigation.

Her clients have noted over the years that her adversaries will occasionally underestimate her upon first meeting due to her friendly demeanor and 5' tall stature – but that these adversaries only make that mistake once. Lisa credits her tenacity and her passion for her work to her grandparents, who were life-long farmers in southern Illinois, and to her parents, who both worked full time so that she and her siblings could be the first ones in their family to go to college.

“I spent a lot of time with my grandma and grandpa at their tiny house on the edge of what had been the family farm, which they sold when they retired. I helped plant their garden every spring, and happily accompanied them to “Gasoline Alley,” my Uncle’s gas station out front. Cookie cutter houses soon surrounded them where the farm had been.

“Between the time with my grandparents, and where we lived on Main Street for my entire childhood, I developed a strong sense of home and of place. To this day, I still look forward to visiting my sister-in-laws’ working farm in central Illinois, with its old homestead, restored barns

and preserved timber. And I bring that deep respect for home and place to my work with clients.”

Through her years in private practice -- and as a past Town Attorney for the Town of Southampton in the heart of the Hamptons -- Lisa has learned to navigate the tangled web of local, county and state laws, and to approach what her clients may see as insurmountable bureaucracy in a practical way. She brings a determined and methodical approach to achieving their legal objectives.

She also brings to bear her past experience as a criminal appeals lawyer in New York City to advocate for her clients’ cases and causes with fierce dedication. She is also widely known for her easy and effective manner as a presenter before courts and local boards, as well as her clear and persuasive writing style.

“My clients appreciate our personal connection, the individual service they receive, and the gentle, yet firm, guidance I provide as they face some of life’s most important decisions involving their home, business, and property.

“They often remark: ‘You don’t seem like a lawyer. You’re so calm and nice.” I pride myself on this. But make no mistake, I use my 5’ tall height and pleasant demeanor to complete advantage. A quiet determination goes a long way.

Community Service:

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital: Member, Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, and Facilities and Properties Committee; Chair, Performance Improvement Joint Conference Committee.

Professional and Civic Associations:

Suffolk County Bar Association, Lawyers Helping Lawyers Committee.