

## Kevin J. Plunkett, former Westchester Deputy County Executive, Joins Simone Development Companies

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Simone Development Companies recently announced that Kevin J. Plunkett, former Westchester Deputy County Executive, has joined the company as its Director of Strategic Initiatives.

Plunkett, who has a long and distinguished career in both the public and private sectors, served as Deputy County Executive from 2010 to 2018. As the County's Chief Operating Officer, he was responsible for managing a \$1.8 billion budget with 35 departments, 4,500 employees and more than 5 million square feet of commercial real estate, officials said.

"Kevin Plunkett brings to our company an impressive record of both private and public service," said Joseph Simone, president of Simone Development Companies. "His career background brings a wealth of knowledge of both Westchester County and the entire region and provides Simone Development with a unique resource. Kevin is well-known and respected. We are fortunate to have an individual with his unique abilities join our team in this new position where he will continue to be a visible and active participant in the regional business community."

"I am excited to have the opportunity to bring my legal, governmental and organizational background to Simone Development Companies as they continue to expand," Plunkett said. "Over the years I have seen many Simone projects take shape and have watched the company emerge as a leading player in the region's real estate development community. From its work in office, retail and residential development, to its leadership in the creation of innovative healthcare facilities, the company has accumulated an impressive portfolio. I look forward to helping build and expand on this record of success."



Kevin J. Plunkett

### Background

Plunkett, who has practiced law for more than three decades, began his law career in 1975 as an Assistant District Attorney for Westchester County. He later joined the law firm of Plunkett & Jaffe where he was an equity member of the firm for more than 20 years, representing private and public sector clients in business transactions and in federal and state courts. He later became a partner in the international law firm of Thacher Proffitt & Wood from 2000 to 2008. Prior to becoming Deputy County Executive, he was a partner in the regional law firm of DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise and Wiederkehr, officials said.

Throughout his law career, Plunkett has represented numerous governmental entities including the City of Rye and the Villages of Tarrytown, Irvington, Dobbs Ferry and Mamaroneck. He is a former board member of the New York State Thruway Authority/Canal Corporation, Taconic State Park Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission, New York League of Conservation Voters and the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River. He is currently a member of the American, the New York State, Florida, Westchester and Westchester Women's Bar Associations. He served on four Governor Judicial Screening committees from 1997 to 2017, officials added.

Well-known in Westchester's business and not-for-profit community, Plunkett has served on the boards of numerous not-for-profit and educational institutions including ArtsWestchester, Westchester ARC Foundation and Iona College. He served on the board of Union State Bank, a New York Stock Exchange company, from 1998 to 2008. A graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, Plunkett earned his law degree at the Stetson University College of Law. He is a lifelong resident of Tarrytown, spokesmen said.

Simone Development Companies is a full-service real estate investment company specializing in the acquisition and development of office, retail, industrial and residential properties in the New York tri-state area. Headquartered in the Bronx, the privately held company owns and manages more than 5 million square feet of property in the Bronx, Westchester County, Queens, Long Island and Connecticut. The company's portfolio includes more than 100 properties and ranges from multi-building office parks to retail and industrial space, company officials said.

The company's largest and most successful development is the 42-acre Hutchinson Metro Center office complex directly off the Hutchinson River Parkway in the Pelham Bay section of the Bronx. The first two phases of the complex, which comprise nearly 750,000 square feet of Class A office and medical space, are fully leased. Two additional phases totaling 650,000 square feet (the 370,000-square-foot Metro Center Atrium and the 280,000-square-foot Tower Two), are completed and fully leased, spokesmen added.