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## **ATTENTION COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS:** Are you paying too much in property taxes?

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A property's real estate taxes are based on the property's assessment. The property's assessment is set by the assessor in the local municipality where the property is located and is supposed to be based on the property's fair market value. The taxes a property owner pays are calculated based on the property's assessment.

Sometimes properties are fairly assessed, but sometimes properties are over-assessed in which case property owners are paying more than their equitable share of real estate taxes.

With the help of James G. Dibbini & Associates, P.C., it is possible to protest your property's assessment and potentially get your taxes reduced if your property is over-assessed. The first step in this process entails reviewing the facts of a case, and if there appears to be a meritorious case, the next step is filing a complaint (also known as a grievance) with your local municipality within a specified time called the grievance period. It is important to submit the complaint with some evidence of the property's value, such as a market analysis of comparable sales or an appraisal report.

Every municipality sets it own grievance period. The grievance period is the only time to contest the assessment. The grievance periods are as follows: (Please note: the deadlines may change each year, and each deadline is estimated and should be confirmed by your local assessor's office):

November 1 – November 15, 2010 City of Yonkers

See page 2 for other deadlines!

In the past years, James G. Dibbini & Associates, P.C. has procured many tax reductions for our clients. The Yonkers deadline is approaching, so please contact our office today at (914) 965-1011 or contact James G. Dibbini, Esq. at jdibbini@dibbinilaw.com if you have any questions or think your commercial property is unfairly assessed.

Our office provides legal services in the areas of:

Commercial & Residential Real Estate Closings Civil Litigation Bank Representation Landlord & Tenant Law General Business Law DHCR Representation Zoning Matters

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January 1 – January 15, 2011 City of White Plains

<u>February 1 – February 15, 2011</u> Villages of:

Croton-on Hudson Bronxville Buchanan Tuckahoe Ardsley **Dobbs Ferry** Elmsford Irvington Tarrytown Larchmont Mamaroneck Sleepy Hollow Pleasantville Port Chester Mt. Kisco Hastings-on Hudson June 1 – June 15, 2011 Towns and Cities of: Mt. Vernon New Rochelle Peekskill Rye Bedford Cortlandt Eastchester Greenburgh Harrison (village and town) Lewisboro Mamaroneck Mt. Pleasant New Castle North Castle North Salem Ossining Pelham Pound Ridge Scarsdale Somers Yorktown Mt. Kisco

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