



Rufino "Rudy" Fernandez Jr., Council Member

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Rudy Fernandez has served on the Livingston Town Council since 2008 and served as Mayor in 2011 and again in 2013. He is a 1982 graduate of Rutgers College with a BA in Economics and earned a Juris Doctorate from Rutgers Law School in 1985. Rudy has been practicing law in the Livingston area for more than 30 years and is an active volunteer, holding various leadership positions with many professional and charitable organizations.

For example, he has been a member of the Livingston Kiwanis Club since 1998, having served as president and continuing to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. Rudy has also served on the Board of the West Essex YMCA in Livingston since 1998, and has served as Board Chair, Board Secretary, and chair of almost all of its committees. He is also an active member and current officer of the Knights of Columbus. This commitment to the community was even recognized by The Livingston Republican Club, who awarded Rudy the Robert Kean Award for Outstanding Community Service.

Professionally, Rudy is a member of the New Jersey Bar Association, Hispanic Bar Association, Essex County Bar Association, has served as vice chair of the Trust and Estate Committee, and is a member of the Family Law Executive Committee. He has also served on the New Jersey Supreme Court District Ethics Committee, and currently serves as Chair of the New Jersey Supreme Court Fee Arbitration Committee for the Essex County – West Essex district.

Rudy has lived in Livingston with his wife Pat, also an active member of the community, and children Rudy and Samantha for more than 24 years, and they are members of St. Philomena's Church in Livingston.