

Curtis J. Bashaw

Co-Founder, Co-Managing Partner, Cape Advisors and Cape Resorts Group

Curtis Bashaw is Co-Founder and Co-Managing Partner of Cape Advisors, Inc., a high-profile real estate development firm operating out of New York and New Jersey, as well as Cape Resorts Group (a division of Cape Advisors), a hotel operating company focusing on classic American resort properties.

Known for his expertise in creatively repositioning underutilized and/or abandoned existing properties, Bashaw is widely recognized for leading the landmark restoration of Congress Hall and the award winning Virginia Hotel and Cottages in Cape May, New Jersey. The Cape Resorts portfolio also includes Cape May properties The Star Inn, Sandpiper Beach Club and the retro-chic Beach Shack featuring the reopening of the iconic Rusty Nail Bar and Restaurant, as well as The Chelsea in Atlantic City. He is currently in the design and planning stages for two new properties in Sag Harbor: Baron's Cove and the Bulova Watchcase Factory.

“Cape Resorts offers guests nostalgic experiences that recall a time when families vacationed together, enjoying simple pleasures like long days on the beach or bicycle rides,” remarks Bashaw. He goes on to say, “Through unparalleled service, top-notch amenities and salt-of-the-earth values, the Cape Resorts Group properties offer all our guests the ultimate Classic American Resort.”

Mr. Bashaw has been in the real estate and hospitality industry since 1982, involved in a variety of developments including hotel, restaurant, residential, retail, office and mixed-use properties. Bashaw honed his skills by focusing on adaptive reuse, historic preservation and economic development. The company has continued to grow in the wake of the 2008 recession by offering new, innovative projects such as renovating the Beach Shack into a stylish yet affordable motel well suited to the new economy.

In 2004 and 2005, Mr. Bashaw took time away from his companies to serve the State of New Jersey as the Executive Director of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority. In this capacity, he oversaw the investment of over \$250 million of gaming tax revenues in economic development projects statewide.

Mr. Bashaw currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and on the Board of Trustees of the New York Academy of Art. He has served on the Cape May County Planning Board, the New Jersey Governor's Tourism Advisory Council, and as a Trustee of the New Jersey Cultural Trust.

Curtis Bashaw earned a Masters of Business Administration at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and a Bachelor of Arts in Literature from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

Having received various commendations from the Cape May Jazz Festival, Cape May County Planning Board, NJ State Assembly and NJ State Senate, as well as the United States House of Representatives, he has also earned the following accolades from various organizations throughout New Jersey:

- Applause Award from the NJ Theatre Alliance
- Encore Award from the South Jersey Cultural Alliance
- Sarah P. Fiske Preservation Award from Preservation NJ
- Special Achievement Award from the New Jersey State Assembly
- Whitman Preservation Award for Preservation Excellence from Heritage Collaborative

Mr. Bashaw is an inspiring and sought after public speaker focusing on service techniques in the new economy as well as economic development strategies.