

# Edward E. Wankel, MPA

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## Areas of Expertise:

- Golf Cart Accidents
  - Athletic Facilities/Accidents
  - Roller Skating Rink Injuries
  - Playground Accidents
  - Golfing Accidents
  - Sports/Sporting Accidents
  - Water Park Facility Accidents
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## Profile:

Ed Wankel has thirty years of professional and technical experience in planning and administration, five years in urban planning and over twenty-five years in recreation and education planning, administration, maintenance, and risk management. Additionally, he was an instructor at St. Joseph's College for over five years. He also served as the Director of the Sports and Convention Center for Suffolk County Community College from 2000 through 2002. Presently, he is President of Leisure Services Associates.

## Expert Testimony

Mr. Wankel has provided expert testimony on Roller Skating Rinks, Swimming, Diving, Golf Course, Water Parks, Playgrounds, Fitness Facilities and other recreation and sports related cases since 1989. Mr. Wankel has testified in the courts of New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, New Jersey, Maine, and Florida. He has prepared reports and given depositions for clients in New York, Rhode Island, Virginia, Kansas, South Carolina, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Maine, Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania, Utah, and New Mexico.

## Management Positions:

- President, Leisure Service Associates Inc. 2000-Present
- Formerly President of Long Island Golf Management, Inc. 2012-2014
- Director, Suffolk County Community College Sports and Convention Center 2000-2002
- Deputy Commissioner, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. 1995-1999
- Commissioner, Suffolk County Parks, Recreation & Conservation. 1992-1995
- Commissioner, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Town of Islip. 1980-1992
- Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, Town of Islip. 1973-1979
- Director of Studies, Planning Associate Inc 1968-1973

## Education:

- MPA, Long Island University, C.W. Post Center, 1995.
- BBA, Dowling College, 1974.
- AAS, Suffolk Community College, 1971.
- North Carolina State University Graduate Seminar, 1982/1990.
- Certificate in Labor Management Relations, New York Institute of Technology
- NRPA Playground Safety Inspection Program

## Professional Affiliations (Past & Present):

- National Recreation and Park Association
- International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions
- United States Golf Association
- Metropolitan Club Managers Association
- The Association for Challenge Course Technology ACCT.
- Roller Skating Association International, RSA
- American Park and Recreation Society
- New York State Recreation and Parks Society, Treasurer
- American Society of Public Administration
- World Water Park Association
- ASTM Committee F08, 2015

## Awards:

- Dowling College Distinguished Service Award, 1998.
- Suffolk Community College Distinguished Service Award, 1997.
- Man of the Year, Suffolk County Police Athletic League, 1996.
- Mr. Wankel was nominated for the Metropolitan Golf Association Distinguished Service Award, 1998

## Teaching Experience:

- Instructor at St. Joseph's College, NY
- Instructor at Dowling College, NY