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Practice Areas

Acquisition and Development Contracts
Commercial Leasing
Real Estate Law
Title Analysis and Settlements
Zoning and Land Use

Education

University of Baltimore, J.D.

The Pennsylvania State University, B.A.

Bar/Court Admissions

- Maryland
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
- District Of Columbia
- Virginia

Activities/Honors

Honors & Distinctions



I am proud to provide effective and knowledgeable representation in the fast-paced and challenging world of land development and real estate transactions.

I am proud to bring a practical, detail-oriented, and thorough approach to my representation of developers, builders, and investors in commercial real estate transactions across a spectrum of market classes and product types. My reputation for knowledge, and an even-keeled negotiating style, allows my clients to rely on me time and again.

I work to anticipate and develop strategies that will effectively represent your goals in the negotiation of purchase agreements, development agreements, construction contracts, loan documents, as well as in your due diligence or entitlement processes, and through the date of settlement. Words matter — And I do not take that principle lightly.

I take the same approach in my landlord and tenant representation for commercial lease negotiations, often focused on restaurant and fast food, retail, professional office, and industrial, commercial or flex space. I don't lose sight of the long-term risks while promoting your short-term goals.

Further, I am well-versed in the complicated and varying entitlement processes of jurisdictions in metropolitan Maryland, including zoning, subdivision, and permit approvals.

Through my work, I give personal attention to your business and your property. I am proud to represent you in entitlement applications, agency reviews and appeals, and dispute resolution. Understanding the details of both public approvals and private agreements is invaluable in my work.



- Named Top Attorneys in Real Estate – Commercial and Land Use/Zoning, *Bethesda Magazine* (2025)
- Named Best Lawyer, 2025
- Super Lawyers “Rising Star” in Maryland : 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Super Lawyers “Rising Star” in DC : 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Named Top Attorney In Bethesda Magazine’s 2021 “Top Attorneys” Issue
- Named Top Attorney In Bethesda Magazine’s 2019 “Top Attorneys” Issue
- Montgomery County Chapter Chair for the Maryland Building Industry Association