

Alexander Puskar

Partner

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OVERVIEW:

Alex is a partner in Barley Snyder's Business and Tax practice groups. His practice includes extensive experience with mergers and acquisitions, including assisting clients with the establishment, use and operation of, and acquisitions involving employee stock ownership plans. He works with officers, directors and shareholders of closely held businesses on an array of organizational matters, such as entity formation, compliance, contract review, tax planning, and business succession planning. He also counsels non-profit organizations in mergers, acquisitions and fundamental change transactions, as well as filing for tax-exempt status and general compliance issues.

Alex graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Pittsburgh, where he received both his B.A. and J.D. He also earned an LL.M. in Taxation from Villanova University's Charles Widger School of Law.

Alex is a former summer associate at Barley Snyder and is the Chair of the firm's <u>summer associate program</u> recruiting committee. Alex is a native of Lancaster County and currently resides in East Petersburg with his wife and daughter.

EDUCATION:

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.
- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, LL.M. in Taxation
- University of Pittsburgh, B.A., magna cum laude

ADMISSIONS:

• Pennsylvania

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Business
- ESOP
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Tax

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Luthercare

Board of directors

Aevidum

Former board member

Berks Community Television

Former board member

Wills for Heroes

Volunteer

RECOGNITIONS:

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star (2023, 2024)
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2024, 2025)

EXPERTISE & CERTIFICATION:

· Villanova University School of Law certification in estate planning

PRESENTATIONS:

- Navigating Realty Transfer Tax in Business Transactions: Key Takeaways from Kunj Harrisburg LLC, et al. v. PA, Lancaster Bar Association (May 2025)
- "Exploring Exit Strategies: Direct Employee Ownership and ESOP Models", The High Center (December 2024)

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Berks County Bar Association
- Lancaster Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

RELATED NEWS:

- Barley Snyder Welcomes Three Summer Associates June 3, 2025
- Barley Snyder Secures Landmark Victory in Realty Transfer Tax Case: Commonwealth Court Rules Property Division Under Entity Transactions Law Not Subject to Tax January 14, 2025
- Barley Snyder Welcomes Three Summer Associates June 5, 2024
- Barley Snyder Welcomes Four Summer Associates May 30, 2023
- Fourteen Barley Snyder Attorneys Named 2023 Super Lawyers May 22, 2023
- Barley Snyder Welcomes New Partners to the Partnership Group beginning 2023 January 5, 2023
- Estate Tax Surprises and Traps in Bidens 2022 Budget August 11, 2021

- Barley Snyder Brings in Two Summer Associates
 June 11, 2021
- Summer Associate Program, Pandemic Style September 10, 2020
- What the Final Tax Bill Means for Estate and Gift Tax Planning December 22, 2017
- Possible Changes Coming for Valuations of Family Limited Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies August 5, 2016
- Barley Snyder Welcomes New Associate Alex Puskar November 4, 2014