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OVERVIEW:

Alex is an attorney at Barley Snyder, with a robust practice which she primarily focuses on trusts and estates and commercial real estate. She brings strategic insight to her clients, whether assisting with estate planning, tax considerations, real estate transactions, financing, or development projects. With a focus on delivering practical solutions, Alex helps her clients secure their legacies and grow their real estate portfolios.

Trusts and Estates

Alex advises and guides clients through both the estate planning and the estate administration process. She identifies and implements various options and strategies to achieve clients' objectives and utilizes combinations of different vehicles to achieve such objectives while taking into consideration clients' unique family dynamics and interpersonal relationships. She also provides guidance and support to clients regarding their obligations and duties when acting in various fiduciary capacities. Additionally, she aids clients in navigating the estate administration process by preparing various state and federal tax returns, creating and executing family settlement agreements, and filing accountings with county orphans' courts.

Real Estate

Alex also counsels and represents clients in real estate transactions. She assists clients with purchasing and selling real estate by providing guidance throughout the entire process from the negotiation of the terms of the transaction through the execution of the finalized documents. She advises clients about realty transfer tax concerns, 1031 like-kind exchanges, preferential tax assessment programs such as Clean & Green, resolving title issues and financing, lending, and leasing arrangements. She also assists clients with obtaining entitlement for various land use matters such as text amendments, conditional uses, special exceptions, and variances.

Alex's background in the areas of real estate, estate planning and administration, and tax enable her to provide comprehensive services to her clients as she can preemptively identify a variety of issues that arise in these areas and appreciate the impact that aspects of these areas of law have.

Alex was born, raised, and currently resides in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Prior to joining the firm, Alex focused

her studies at Dickinson School of Law and Georgetown University on tax as well as the interaction of tax and estate planning. She interned for the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue briefing issues and drafting opinions on corporate tax and personal income tax cases. Alex currently sits on the board of the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts. She is also a former board member of the Carlisle Family YMCA.

In her free time, Alex enjoys running, traveling, scuba diving, and spending time with her pets.

EDUCATION:

- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M.
- Penn State Dickinson Law, J.D.
- Florida Institute of Technology, B.A., summa cum laude

ADMISSIONS:

- Pennsylvania

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Real Estate
- Trusts & Estates
- Community Associations

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts
Board member

Carlisle Family YMCA
Former board member

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Cumberland County Inn of the Court, former member
- Cumberland County Bar Association

RECOGNITIONS:

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America, Trusts & Estates (2026)

RELATED NEWS:

- Barley Snyder Expands to Serve Current and Future Generations
  March 28, 2023
- LLC Operating Agreement Tax Trap; IRS Ruling
  January 4, 2023
- Barley Snyder Adds Attorney in Harrisburg
  January 5, 2022