

Barley Snyder Partner David J. Freedman honored by George Mason University Alumni Association

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Lancaster, Pa. - The [George Mason University Alumni Association](#) has recently named Barley Snyder partner [David J. Freedman](#) its 2022 "Alumnus of the Year" for his extensive pro bono work and numerous accolades. Freedman was honored at Mason's annual Celebration of Distinction in October along with other awardees for their outstanding "service to others."

A 1998 graduate of Mason, Freedman maintains a robust pro bono immigration practice, representing victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and LGBT persecution. He currently serves as the lead attorney in the U Visa Litigation Project, which has involved filing federal lawsuits against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for failure to timely decide U visa petitions filed by victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

"Mason is such a vibrant and unique institution of higher education. I am so thankful for the education I received there. So it is a tremendous honor to have my alma mater recognize my work and volunteer efforts," said Freedman. "I was so surprised, but incredibly proud, to have been included on a list along with so many influential alums."

Freedman has been recognized many times for this exceptional legal work and dedication to helping the community. [Central Penn Business Journal](#) recognized him as one of the 30 most influential legal professionals in central Pennsylvania and awarded him the "Legal Excellence Award" for pro bono service. The [Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center](#) has awarded Freedman its Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award three times, most recently in 2021.

Freedman is a partner in the firm's [Employment Practice Group](#), concentrating his practice in the areas of employment litigation and counseling, higher education law, and business immigration. He also chairs Barley Snyder's [Higher Education Industry Group](#). Freedman is the immediate past president of the [Lancaster Bar Association's Board of Directors](#), and he has served with many organizations such as [Church World Service Lancaster](#), the [United Way of Lancaster County](#) and the [Economic Development Company of Lancaster](#).

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