

Christopher A. Naylor

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OVERVIEW:

As a member of the firm's Real Estate and Business practice groups, Chris has a breadth of experience to assist clients in these often-intertwined areas of law. Chris understands that there is no "one-size-fits-all" approach to addressing any one particular client matter and makes sure to take the time to understand the client's specific goals and objectives.

Business

Chris counsels businesses - from start-ups to global manufacturers - in all aspects of business including general corporate governance and drafting, reviewing and negotiating agreements. Chris is proud to work with several of the area's preeminent businesses, often serving as outside general counsel for all of their business needs.

Chris has developed a particular focus on advising companies in the manufacturing industry, assisting them with a wide range of business and corporate matters. As chair of the firm's Manufacturing Industry Group, Chris leads a team dedicated to helping manufacturers succeed in a complex and competitive marketplace. The group provides proactive, cross-disciplinary counsel to help clients manage risk, strengthen operations, and stay ahead of evolving industry demands.

Chris works closely with clients to address every stage of the manufacturing process, with particular focus on supply chain logistics, supply and development agreements, contract review, confidentiality agreements, and raw material sourcing contracts. He often serves as outside general counsel, taking a proactive and practical approach to representation that helps clients anticipate challenges, prevent issues before they arise, and streamline their day-to-day legal needs.

Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A)

Chris also handles mergers and acquisitions on both the buy-side and sell-side, helping clients through the complex process from the letter of intent, due diligence, and consummation of the transaction. Chris has worked on transactions ranging from small sales/acquisitions up to multi-million-dollar deals.

Real Estate

Chris handles a wide range of real estate matters, including residential and commercial transactions of all shapes and sizes, including sales, purchases and leases. Chris serves as a mediator for the Realtors Association of York and Adams Counties' (RAYAC) dispute resolution system. He brings his unique perspective and background having represented buyers, sellers and homebuilders in this process to guide the parties in resolving their dispute.

Land Use and Zoning

Chris guides clients through all phases of the land development process including zoning. He has successfully secured needed zoning relief for clients of all sizes, including special exceptions, conditional uses, variances and rezoning. In addition, Chris has successfully defended numerous clients against alleged zoning violations. He also served as objectors' counsel in opposing zoning matters, including through the appellate process. In this role, Chris has successfully opposed zoning and other land uses that would have adversely affected his client's property and community.

Property Disputes

Chris has successfully represented clients in property disputes, including bringing and defending adverse possession and related claims, alleged encroachments, nuisances and the like.

Construction

Chris works with homebuilders and developers on all facets of project development from acquisition to forming planned communities and home sales. He counsels homebuilders and remodelers on matters including contracts, compliance with the Pennsylvania Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act (HICPA), and related litigation. He also has experience representing clients in construction code matters, including interpretation and responding to alleged code violations.

Prior to joining Barley Snyder, Chris was director of government affairs for the York County Builders Association where he was responsible for keeping members informed of current laws or proposed changes affecting the residential building industry. Chris then went on to serve as executive director to the late State Senator Michael L. Waugh, working in the Senator's Capitol Office where he was involved in policy development and legislation, including changes to the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act and the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

EDUCATION:

- Widener University School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude
- Shippensburg University, B.S., summa cum laude

ADMISSIONS:

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Business
- Real Estate
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Family Owned Businesses
- Land Use
- Real Estate Litigation
- Appellate Litigation

INDUSTRY GROUPS:

- Construction
- Manufacturing

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

United Way of York County
Board Member

Community Progress Council of York County
Board Member

York Jewish Community Center
Former Board Member

Oasis House
Former Advisory Board Member

Leadership York
2015 graduate

MEMBERSHIPS:

- York County Builders Association
- York County Bar Association
- Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Keystone

PRESENTATIONS:

- Preparation for Zoning, Wake Up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate (May 2024)
- A Roundtable Discussion on Due Diligence for Real Estate Construction Projects, Wake Up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate (March 2022)
- Landlord-Tenant Law: From Lease to Eviction", CLE Program Harrisburg (March 2017)
- Common Legal Issues for New Businesses, PA Treasury's Small Business Initiative at York College (October 2016)

RELATED NEWS:

- Barley Snyder Partner Maria Di Stravolo Elliott Named Chair of Construction Industry Group
  December 11, 2025
- Barley Snyder Expands Manufacturing Practice with Dedicated Industry Group
  November 3, 2025
- Barley Snyder Partner Christopher Naylor Named to United Way of York County Board of Directors
  October 1, 2024
- Barley Snyder Partner Christopher Naylor Named to Community Progress Council of York County Board of Directors
  September 20, 2024
- Pennsylvania Supreme Court Ruling Expands Potential Contractor Liability
  June 15, 2023
- Barley Snyder Welcomes New Partners to the Partnership Group beginning 2023
  January 5, 2023
- Will COVID-19 Trigger a Downfall Domino Effect for Retail Closings?
  May 7, 2020
- Pennsylvania, Maryland Put Freezes on Evictions
  April 29, 2020

- Barley Snyder Attorney Chris Naylor Named to York JCC Board
  December 18, 2018
- Pennsylvania is Back on the Clock with the Development Permit Extension Act
  October 10, 2016

RELATED RESOURCES:

- 2022 Wake Up With Barley: A Morning on Real Estate Recording
  May 25, 2022