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OVERVIEW:

Derek is chair of the firm's [Real Estate Practice](#) Group and its [Hospitality Industry Group](#). He concentrates his practice on real estate and sophisticated land development matters. With more than a decade of experience, Derek takes a strategic and practical approach to assisting clients in implementing their goals.

Real Estate

Derek regularly represents clients in both Pennsylvania and Maryland in the purchase and sale of developed and undeveloped real estate. His practice often involves complex real estate matters, such as 1031 exchanges and reverse 1031 exchanges. Derek is also a licensed title agent in Pennsylvania and Maryland, allowing him to assist clients in every phase of the transaction. With extensive experience in navigating complicated real estate transactions, Derek provides clients with tailored legal solutions that ensure successful outcomes from the start of a project to completion.

Land Development

Derek regularly represents real estate developers in sophisticated land use matters including zoning, land development, and formation of condominiums/planned communities. He frequently appears before zoning hearing boards for variances and special exceptions and before elected bodies for conditional uses and rezonings.

Hospitality & Liquor Law

As part of his hospitality practice, Derek frequently handles the purchase and sale of hotels, the purchase and sale of restaurants, and the purchase and sale of [liquor license](#). Specifically, Derek is well-versed in representing limited wineries, limited distilleries, breweries, and brewpubs in obtaining Pennsylvania manufacturing licenses.

Finance

Derek is a member of the [Finance Practice](#) where he represents creditors such as banks and credit unions in

a wide range of commercial loan transactions. His experience as a real estate attorney and title agent allows him to bring a unique perspective to the documentation of real estate loans on behalf of financial institution clients. Derek frequently presents on title insurance topics to banks and other organizations.

EDUCATION:

- Duquesne University School of Law, J.D., summa cum laude
- Penn State University, MBA
- Lebanon Valley College, B.A., summa cum laude

ADMISSIONS:

- Pennsylvania
- Maryland
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Real Estate
- Title Insurance
- Finance
- Finance & Creditors' Rights

INDUSTRY GROUPS:

- Banking
- Hospitality
- Construction
- Liquor Law

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Lancaster Bar Association Real Estate Section

Former chair

Lancaster Public Library

Former board member

RECOGNITIONS:

- Top Lawyers of Chester County List - Real Estate, Daily Local News (2025)
Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Lancaster Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

PRESENTATIONS:

- "Mitigating Wire Fraud Risks in Real Estate Transactions: Protecting Your Clients and Their Investments", Wake up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate (June 2025)
- "Navigating Realty Transfer Tax in Business Transactions: Key Takeaways from Kunj Harrisburg LLC, et al. v. PA", Lancaster Bar Association (May 2025)
- "Title Insurance for Construction Loans", Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Real Estate Institute 2024 (December 2024)
 - COVID-19 Vaccines: The Impact on the Hospitality Industry, webinar (January 2021)
 - Reopening the Hospitality Industry: Current Guidelines, Possible Risks and Future Scenarios, Barley Snyder Webinar Series (June 2020)
 - Mechanics Liens; Bond Issues for Construction Projects, Wake up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate (June 2019)
 - Panelist: Structuring; Financing Real Estate Deals, Barley Snyder LendiCon (March 2019)
 - Project Financing When Can I Start Work? Wake up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate (June 2018)
 - Condominiums, Lancaster County Association of Realtors' Commercial; Industrial Council membership meeting (March 2018)
 - Endorsement and Exclusions to Policies and Insuring Construction Loans, National Business Institute's Title Law: A to Z, a Two-Day Practical Course (December 2017)
 - Mechanic's Lien, Leases and Landlord Tenant Law, Wake up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate (September 2017)
 - Sheriff Sales and Tax Sales; What do you really need to know? Barley Snyder LendiCon Seminar

(March 2016)

2015 Mechanic's Lien Update, Security Title Annual Seminar (May 2015)

Leasehold Mortgages, Barley Snyder LendiCon Seminar (March 2015)

Conestoga Title Insurance Company Annual Seminar (January 2015)

Act 117 Update, Pennsylvania Land and Title Association (November 2014)

Buying, Leasing and Owning: What is Best for Your Business? Barley Snyder Business Seminar (October 2014)

Construction Lending Update, Bank Presentation (August 2014)

Title Insurance for Lenders: Before, During and After Settlement, Barley Snyder LendiCon Seminar, (May 2014)

RELATED NEWS:

- Barley Snyder Attorneys Named to 2025 Top Lawyers of Chester County List by Daily Local News
July 18, 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 Secures Landmark Victory for Property Rights in Eminent Domain Case
August 26, 2024
- Pennsylvania Expands Happy Hour and Canned Cocktail Regulations
August 2, 2024
- Do You as a Manufacturer of Malt Beverages Qualify for a Tax Credit?
August 28, 2023
- Title Insurance Rating Bureau of Pennsylvania Updates Title Insurance Forms
June 22, 2023
- Barley Snyder Launches New Liquor Law Practice
May 31, 2023
- Fourteen Barley Snyder Attorneys Named 2023 Super Lawyers
May 22, 2023
- High Hotels Ltd. Innovation Through Creativity and Collaboration
February 27, 2023
- Hospitality Highlights Winter Issue
January 18, 2023
- Dissinger Named Real Estate Group Chair
June 2, 2021
- Eleven Barley Snyder Attorneys Named Super Lawyers
May 26, 2021

- Hospitality Industry Relief Grants on the Way
March 1, 2021
- Hospitality Highlights January 2021
January 25, 2021
- COVID-19 Vaccine Webinar Series
January 12, 2021
- Self-Certification Form for Bars Available Now
September 21, 2020
- Bars, Restaurants, Can Soon Double Their Indoor Capacity
September 8, 2020
- Hospitality Highlights August 2020
August 11, 2020
- Pa. Restaurants, Bars Get Some Clarity on Operating
July 23, 2020
- Barley Snyder Brings in Three Summer Associates
June 25, 2020
- Reopening Your Restaurant with Outdoor Seating
June 24, 2020
- Hospitality Industry: Listen to the Governor
March 20, 2020
- Coronavirus and Pennsylvanias Hospitality Industry
March 18, 2020
- Five Law Students Join Barley Snyder as Summer Associates
June 3, 2019
- Barley Snyder Sees 11 Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers Lists
May 9, 2019
- How the Federal Government Shutdown Could Affect Your Business
January 24, 2019
- Barley Snyder Adds Four to Partnership
January 11, 2019
- Nine Barley Snyder Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers Lists
May 18, 2018
- Barley Snyder Opens the Doors of New Hospitality Group
February 22, 2018
- Preparing for the End of LIBOR
August 14, 2017
- Barley Snyder Strengthens Its Maryland Presence
July 12, 2017

- Barley Snyder Hires Three Summer Associates
June 16, 2017
- Pennsylvania Lawmakers Fix Pennsylvania Lawmakers Drafting Errors
October 7, 2016
- Changes to PA Business Corp. Law may affect the way Commercial Real Estate is owned in PA
September 14, 2016
- Literacy Council Elects Attorney Derek Dissinger Board President
July 15, 2015

RELATED RESOURCES:

- LEGAL UPDATE: Tax Appeals
July 26, 2023
- 2022 Wake Up With Barley: A Morning on Real Estate Recording
May 25, 2022
- Wake Up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate Webinar Replays
December 8, 2020
- Reopening the Hospitality Industry Webinar Replay
June 24, 2020