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OVERVIEW:

Jeff Lobach is a partner at the firm. Jeff recently stepped down after a record ten years as the firm's managing partner and CEO. During his tenure, the firm nearly tripled in size and expanded into seven new markets, while also growing its forces in its five legacy offices and being recognized as the only law firm named a "Best Place to Work in PA".

Jeff concentrates his law practice in the planning, negotiation and execution of business and real estate transactions, formation and governance of business and non-profit entities, industrial, commercial and residential real estate development, land use and zoning, business and real estate financing, and resolution of business disputes. In addition, Jeff counsels family-owned and closely-held businesses on issues unique to such enterprises. He also advises institutions of higher education on issues of finance, governance, risk management and other areas.

Two stints as chief law clerk for justices on Pennsylvania's highest court and litigation experience in state and federal courts and before state and federal agencies have informed Jeff's judgment as to the value of concise, carefully-drafted and unambiguous documentation and strategically sound negotiation of business transactions. During more than 35 years of practice, he has organized hundreds of business and non-profit entities and implemented dozens of business parks, retails centers and residential communities. He also has successfully litigated numerous zoning and land development cases in court and before governmental agencies. Jeff regularly serves as an arbitrator, mediator or negotiator of disputes between businesses, their owners and other constituencies.

Jeff has been very active in the Central Pennsylvania community, serving as a board chair, member, officer, or general counsel to various charitable organizations. He was a founding director of WellSpan York Health Foundation, Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center, York VNA Home Care, and The Golden Vision Foundation. While President of the York County Bar Association, Jeff initiated a nationally recognized pro bono immigration project on behalf of a group of about 300 Chinese refugees aboard the freighter *Golden Venture* which evolved into a four-year court battle before the refugees were paroled by the President. The

asylum case Jeff successfully litigated for his own client, a Tiananmen Square era pro-democracy activist, was profiled in the national media, including the CBS news magazine "America Tonight" and National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." Our firm also commemorated the 30th anniversary of the Golden Venture in a three-part video series which you may view below:

- Barley Snyder Commemorates the Golden Venture Part One
- Barley Snyder Commemorates the Golden Venture Part Two
- Barley Snyder Commemorates the Golden Venture Part Three

Jeff and his wife Cindy were also recently honored with the 2025 Distinguished Humanitarian Award at Penn-Mar's 33rd Annual Gala Fundraiser. The award is presented annually to individuals who have demonstrated unwavering dedication to community service and embody Penn-Mar's core values of integrity, excellence, collaboration, and innovation.

EDUCATION:

- University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D., Phi Delta Phi; Morris Fellow
- Lehigh University, B.A., with high honors, Phi Beta Kappa; Omicron Delta Kappa; Sigma Tau Delta

ADMISSIONS:

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

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Business
- Family Owned Businesses
- Real Estate
- Title Insurance
- Higher Education
- Crisis Management
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Finance

- Finance & Creditors' Rights
- Community Associations

INDUSTRY GROUPS:

- Health Care
- Banking
- Hospitality
- Transportation & Logistics
- Construction

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

York County History Center
Board member, Writers Roundtable

WellSpan Health
Chair of Board of Directors, Executive, Compensation and Nominating Committees, Finance and Investment Committee, Audit and Compliance Committee

WellSpan Health Central Region
Board member

WellSpan York Hospital
Board member

WellSpan Surgery and Rehabilitation Hospital
Board member

York College Community Opportunity Scholarship Program
Advisory board

York County Community Foundation
Chair of the board of directors, Board member, Committee Chair

Permanent Judicial Commission, Donegal Presbytery, Presbyterian Church USA
Past Member

Leave A Legacy
Chair, Executive Committee; Steering Committee

York County Economic Alliance
Member

Rotary International Club of York
Paul Harris Fellow

Boy Scouts of America
Cub Scout leader, Assistant scoutmaster; Philmont Contingent Leader; Member of National Council (2012-2014)

York Little League
Coach and Manager

York Youth Soccer
Coach

First Presbyterian Church of York
Ordained Elder, Chair of Planning and Evaluation Committee, Historian

Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center
Founding director, Treasurer, Volunteer Lawyer

York County Bar Foundation
Former president; Board member

New Birth of Freedom Council, Boy Scouts of America
President, Board of directors

York Adams Area Council, Boy Scouts of America
Board member, Executive Committee, General counsel, Vice president - Camping; Chair of Family Division of Capital Campaign

WellSpan York Hospital, Institutional Review Committee
Member

Visiting Nurse Association of York County
Board Chair, Board member

Golden Vision Foundation
Founding director

WellSpan Medical Group
Past Board member

WellSpan York Health Foundation
Founding Director; Board Development Committee; Chair of Annual Giving and Major Gifts Campaigns

York Health System Development Council
Member

York VNA Home Care (now WellSpan Specialty Services)
Founding director; Board chair

Better York, Inc.
Board member

Downtown Renaissance Fund
General Counsel

York College Center for Community Engagement
Advisory Board Member

York County Mental Health Center
Board of Directors, Secretary

RECOGNITIONS:

- Professional Advisor Recognition Society Inductee, York County Community Foundation (2026)
- Lifetime Advocate Award, Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (2026)
- Distinguished Humanitarian Award, Penn-Mar Human Services (2025)
- Icon Honors, Central Penn Business Journal (2024)
- Power 100 List, Central Penn Business Journal (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- Most Influential People, York Daily Record (2022)
- Power 30 List in Law & Lobbyists, Central Penn Business Journal (2022)
- The Best Lawyers in America, "Lawyer of the Year," Corporate Law (2021)
- Cornerstone Award for Community Service, SpiriTrust Lutheran (2020)
- The Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027), Real Estate Law (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027)
- National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scouts of America (2017)

- York Distinguished Citizen, New Birth of Freedom Council, Boy Scouts of America (2017)
- Select Lawyer, Polk-Lepson Research Group; Business and Commercial Law
- Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell
- Eagle Scout Award
- Silver Beaver Award, Boy Scouts of America
- Williams Essay Prize (Lehigh University)
- Andrew E. Murray Peacemaking Award, Synod of the Trinity, Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Service Above Self Award, Rotary Club of York
- Crystal Stair Award of the University of Pennsylvania (Inaugural Recipient with Marian Wright Edelman and others)

MEMBERSHIPS:

- American Institute of Banking, Instructor
- Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Course planner and lecturer
- American Bar Association
- National Association of College and University Attorneys
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, House of Delegates
- York County Bar Association, Former president and chair, Long Range Planning Committee; Chair, By-Laws Committee

PRESENTATIONS:

- Reopening the Hospitality Industry: Current Guidelines, Possible Risks and Future Scenarios", Barley Snyder Webinar Series (June 2020)
- Featured speaker, "Golden Venture Saga" (May 2018)
- "Buying, Leasing and Owning: What is Best for Your Business?", Barley Snyder Business Seminar (October 2014)
- "Title Insurance for Lenders: Before, During and After Settlement", Barley Snyder LendiCon Seminar (May 2014)
- "Leadership Development within the Legal Department", ACC Seminar: What Keeps You up at Night? (September 2012

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- York College of Pennsylvania; general counsel
- Partnership for Economic Development of York County; general counsel
- Licensed Title Insurance Agent, Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company, Stewart Title Insurance Company
- Lyndon Baines Johnson Congressional Intern

RELATED NEWS:

- Barley Snyder Partner Jeff Lobach Inducted into York County Community Foundations Professional Advisor Recognition Society
  October 14, 2026
- Barley Snyder Partner Jeff Lobach Receives Lifetime Advocate Award from Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center
  September 29, 2026
- Barley Snyder Attorney Jeff Lobach Honored with Richard E. Kohler Civility and Ethics Award
  June 19, 2026
- Barley Snyder Partner Jeff Lobach and Cindy Lobach Honored with Penn-Mar Human Services 2025 Distinguished Humanitarian Award
  April 4, 2025
- Barley Snyder Sponsors Women in Law Scholarship for 2024 Miss Pennsylvania Scholarship Competition
  June 20, 2024
- Barley Snyder Partner Jeff Lobach Selected to CPBJ Power 100 List for Fourth Consecutive Year
  March 15, 2024
- Barley Snyder Partner Jeff Lobach Named to CPBJ Icon Honors List
  January 22, 2024
- Barley Snyder Announces 2024 Leadership Changes
  January 9, 2024
- Barley Snyder Elects Managing Partner Jennifer Craighead Carey
  January 2, 2024
- Barley Snyder Partner and IP Practice Group Chair Salvatore Anastasi elected First Vice President of AIPLA
  November 28, 2023

- Barley Snyder Completes Malvern Office Renovations
  November 16, 2023
- Barley Snyder Adds Two Attorneys in Lancaster
  November 14, 2023
- Barley Snyder Named to Best Law Firms2024 Edition More than Two Dozen Times
  November 8, 2023
- Barley Snyder Further Expands Gettysburg Office
  October 31, 2023
- Barley Snyder Adds Attorney William Boak to Harrisburg Office
  October 16, 2023
- Barley Snyder Adds Attorney Nichole Eisenhart to Growing Roster
  October 16, 2023
- Barley Snyder Named One of the Best Places to Work in PA for Second Consecutive Year
  October 12, 2023
- New Associate Attorneys Added to Barley Snyder Team
  October 10, 2023
- Barley Snyder Consolidates Berks Office Locations
  October 4, 2023
- Barley Snyder Promotes Jennifer Good to Chief Human Resources Officer
  October 2, 2023
- Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center Recognizes Barley Snyder as the Light of Liberty Law Firm of the Year
  September 29, 2023
- Barley Snyder Adds Trusts & Estates Attorney Julia Parrish to its Growing Roster
  September 18, 2023
- Barley Snyder Named toThe Legal Intelligencer's2023 Watch List
  August 24, 2023
- Barley Snyder Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America
  August 17, 2023
- Barley Snyder Sponsors Women in Law Scholarship for 2023 Miss Pennsylvania Scholarship Competition
  June 20, 2023
- Barley Snyder Partner Jennifer Craighead Carey Named to City & State PA's Law Power 100 list
  June 15, 2023
- Barley Snyder Welcomes Four Summer Associates
  May 30, 2023
- Fourteen Barley Snyder Attorneys Named 2023 Super Lawyers
  May 22, 2023

- Barley Snyder Adds Creditors' Rights Attorney Brandon D. Pack in Wyomissing Office
  May 17, 2023
- Barley Snyder Attorney Linebaugh Recognized for Fifty Years of Service as a Member of the York County Bar Association
  May 3, 2023
- Barley Snyder Adds Immigration Attorney Andrew J. Mahon to its Growing Roster
  April 18, 2023
- Barley Snyder Affiliates with Lebanon Law Firm Reilly Wolfson
  April 2, 2023
- High Hotels Ltd. Innovation Through Creativity and Collaboration
  February 27, 2023
- Barley Snyder Managing Partner Jeff Lobach Selected as a CPBJ Power Player for Third Consecutive Year
  February 17, 2023
- Barley Snyder Names Dorothy Rund Chief Operating Officer
  February 17, 2023
- Barley Snyder Ranked a Fastest Growing Law Firm in Pennsylvania
  January 30, 2023
- Barley Snyder Announces 2023 Leadership Changes
  January 20, 2023
- Barley Snyder Managing Partner Jeff Lobach Named to Most Influential Lawyers in York County
  January 18, 2023
- Barley Snyder Mourns Loss of Shawn M. Long
  January 9, 2023
- Barley Snyder Welcomes New Partners to the Partnership Group beginning 2023
  January 5, 2023
- Barley Snyder Named a U.S. News Best Lawyers Best Law Firm' 26 Times
  January 3, 2023
- Barley Snyder Named One of the Best Places to Work in PA
  October 17, 2022
- Barley Snyder Adds Attorney in Harrisburg
  January 5, 2022
- Barley Snyder Affiliates with Wyomissing Law Firm Leisawitz Heller
  January 4, 2022
- Barley Snyder a Best Law Firm More than Two Dozen Times
  November 22, 2021
- Barley Snyder Elects Lobach for Fifth Term
  November 17, 2021

- Three Attorneys Added to Barley Snyder Roster
  November 4, 2021
- Barley Snyder Partner Falcon Receives Leadership Recognition
  October 20, 2021
- Best Lawyers Honors 30 Barley Attorneys
  August 25, 2021
- Barley Snyder Hires Three New Professionals
  August 3, 2021
- Barley Snyder Brings in Two Summer Associates
  June 11, 2021
- Barley Snyder Mourns Loss of Robert Stewart
  February 22, 2021
- Barley Snyder Announces 2021 Leadership Changes
  January 12, 2021
- Barley Snyder Adds Three Attorneys in York Office
  January 4, 2021
- Barley Snyder Quickly Grows Gettysburg Office
  December 1, 2020
- Barley Snyder Named Best Law Firm in 21 Categories
  November 6, 2020
- Barley Snyder Forms Crisis Management Service Team
  October 19, 2020
- Barley Snyder Hires Two New Attorneys
  October 13, 2020
- Nearly Thirty Barley Snyder Attorneys Named Best Lawyers
  August 20, 2020
- Barley Snyder Deploys Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Group
  August 19, 2020
- Barley Snyder Brings in Three Summer Associates
  June 25, 2020
- Judge Stephen Linebaugh to Lead Barley Snyder ADR Team
  February 12, 2020
- Lobach Elected to Fourth Term as Managing Partner
  November 14, 2019
- Barley Snyder Named Best Law Firm in 16 Categories
  November 4, 2019
- Two Barley Snyder Attorneys Pass Bar Exam
  October 23, 2019

- Newest Barley Snyder Office Now Open
  October 7, 2019
- Judge Stephen Linebaugh Joins Barley Snyder
  October 1, 2019
- Barley Snyder Hires Two New Attorneys
  September 6, 2019
- Barley Snyder Completes Hanover Office Renovations
  September 5, 2019
- Barley Snyder to Add New Schuylkill County Office
  September 3, 2019
- Barley Snyder Places 21 Attorneys on Best Lawyers List
  August 15, 2019
- Barley Snyder Mourns Loss of David Keller
  August 6, 2019
- Barley Snyder Enters NLJs Top 500 as Top-Ranked New Entrant
  July 2, 2019
- Barley Snyder Takes Home Seven Top CPBJ Awards
  June 28, 2019
- Five Law Students Join Barley Snyder as Summer Associates
  June 3, 2019
- Barley Snyders Lobach to Take Part in Golden Venture Event
  April 17, 2019
- Barley Snyder Adds Four to Partnership
  January 11, 2019
- Barley Snyder Adds Sarah Yerger to its Harrisburg Office
  January 10, 2019
- Barley Snyder Adds to Hanover Office
  January 2, 2019
- Barley Snyder Adds Prominent York County Attorney
  December 20, 2018
- Barley Snyder Named a Best Law Firm in 13 Different Categories
  November 2, 2018
- Barley Snyder Expands in Gettysburg
  October 15, 2018
- Barley Snyder Opens Second Maryland Office
  August 20, 2018
- Sixteen Barley Snyder Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers List; Werner Named a Lawyer of the Year
  August 16, 2018

- Barley Snyders Lobach Now Leader of York County Charity Board
  June 26, 2018
- Barley Snyder Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Practice Excellence
  June 14, 2018
- Jeff Lobach to Recount Events of Historic Golden Venture Case
  May 25, 2018
- Barley Snyder Mourns Loss of Harry Bud Rubin
  March 22, 2018
- Barley Snyder Opens the Doors of New Hospitality Group
  February 22, 2018
- Barley Snyder Announces Leadership Updates
  January 29, 2018
- Barley Snyder Mourns Loss of one of its Former Name Partners
  January 17, 2018
- Barley Snyder Officially Opens its Gettysburg Office
  November 13, 2017
- Barley Snyder Earns Eight Rankings in Best Law Firms Report
  November 8, 2017
- Barley Snyder Participates in Golden Venture Museum Exhibit
  October 24, 2017
- Barley Snyder Mourns Loss of One of Its Founders
  August 27, 2017
- Eleven Barley Snyder Attorneys Named Best Lawyers
  August 15, 2017
- Lobach to Receive York Distinguished Citizen Award
  May 17, 2017
- Stonesifer and Kelley Merges with Barley Snyder
  March 30, 2017
- Lobach Named Chair of WellSpan Foundation Board
  February 8, 2017
- Barley Snyder's Lobach Named to Board of York County History Center
  November 14, 2016
- Eight from Barley Snyder Named to Best Lawyers list
  November 3, 2016
- Barley Snyder Reelects Jeff Lobach Managing Partner
  November 11, 2015
- Eight Barley Snyder Attorneys Listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2015
  August 21, 2014

RELATED RESOURCES:

- Barley Snyder Commemorates the Golden Venture Part Three
  June 29, 2023
- Barley Snyder Commemorates the Golden Venture Part Two
  June 16, 2023
- Barley Snyder Commemorates the Golden Venture Part One
  June 12, 2023
- 2022 York Business Seminar Recordings
  April 26, 2022
- Reopening the Hospitality Industry Webinar Replay
  June 24, 2020