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### OVERVIEW:

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John is a member of the firm's Real Estate and Business practice groups regularly assisting business clients with a wide variety of general corporate issues, including such matters as entity formation, mergers and stock asset acquisitions. John has also provided counsel on commercial real estate, commercial leasing, planned communities, condominiums and the financing of all types of commercial transactions. He has also successfully represented clients in various industries involved in real estate tax assessment appeals throughout eastern Pennsylvania.

He also has experience in bankruptcy and workout situations, and works regularly with the firm's commercial landlord clients who have been faced with tenant bankruptcies. He has also defended clients faced with bankruptcy preference claims and other adversary proceedings.

### EDUCATION:

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- Dickinson School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude
- Lebanon Valley College, B.A., summa cum laude

### ADMISSIONS:

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

## PRACTICE AREAS:

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- Real Estate
- Title Insurance
- Business
- Finance
- Lease Restructuring
- Land Use
- Finance & Creditors' Rights

## INDUSTRY GROUPS:

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- Hospitality
- Transportation, Logistics & Trade

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

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### **Harrisburg Area YMCA**

Board member

### **Greater Harrisburg Association of Realtors**

Affiliate Member

### **Susquehanna Township Baseball Association Youth Baseball**

Head Coach

### **UCP of Central Pennsylvania**

Committee Member

## RECOGNITIONS:

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- The Best Lawyers in America, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) (2025), Real Estate Law (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
- Leadership Harrisburg Area Class of 2005

## MEMBERSHIPS:

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- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Dauphin County Bar Association

## PRESENTATIONS:

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- Moderator - 2023 Harrisburg Business Seminar (October 2023)
- Transportation Logistics & Trade Seminar (March 2023)  
A Roundtable Discussion on Due Diligence for Real Estate Construction Project - Wake Up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate (May 2022)
- Project Financing: When Can I Start Work? - Wake up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate (June 2018)
- Key Terms in Commercial Leases and How They Can Hold Up Your Deal - Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS Commercial Council (April 2018)

## RELATED NEWS:

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- Pennsylvania House Bill 1960 Proposes Referendum Requirement for Large Warehouse Projects  
May 16, 2025
- Are You Sure Your Property is Tax-Exempt?  
December 3, 2021
- Best Lawyers Honors 30 Barley Attorneys  
August 25, 2021

## RELATED RESOURCES:

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