



## John J. Sylvanus

Counsel

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### OVERVIEW:

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John is an attorney in the firm's Litigation and Construction Law Groups. He is an experienced litigator who counsels clients in construction-related matters, with experience in litigation in both state and federal courts, arbitration and mediation and appellate litigation. His practice focuses on the defense of professional liability claims against design professionals, commercial litigation, construction contract review and litigation, insurance defense and products liability defense.

John represents architects, engineers, builders, contractors and subcontractors in matters involving contract interpretation and disputes as well as insurance, indemnification and arbitration contract provisions. John also assists his clients with collections, bid challenges, change orders, and the resolution of construction-related liquidated damages claims.

John also maintains an active practice in appellate litigation, successfully representing a variety of industries in the appeals process.

### EDUCATION:

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- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.
- University of Delaware, B.A.

### ADMISSIONS:

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- Pennsylvania
- United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- United States Appeals Court for the 3rd Circuit
- Various other state and federal courts pro hac vice

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

**PRACTICE AREAS:**

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- Litigation
- Appellate Litigation

**INDUSTRY GROUPS:**

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- Construction

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

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**Cultural Alliance of York County**

Board member

**York Symphony Orchestra**

Former board member

**Dallastown Area School District Long Range Planning Committee (2000-2001)**

Member

**York City School Board (1985-1992)**

Member

**RECOGNITION:**

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- The Best Lawyers in America, Construction Litigation (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

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- York County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

## PRESENTATIONS:

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- "Construction Risk Management: From Contract to Completion", Wake up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate (September 2017)
- "Financial Impact of Construction Litigation", Construction Financial Management Association - Central PA Chapter (February 2017)

## RELATED NEWS:

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- Best Lawyers Honors 30 Barley Attorneys  
August 25, 2021
- Nearly Thirty Barley Snyder Attorneys Named Best Lawyers  
August 20, 2020
- Legal FAQ for the Construction Industry  
May 5, 2020
- Barley Snyder Places 21 Attorneys on Best Lawyers List  
August 15, 2019
- John Sylvanus Named to Cultural Alliance Board  
December 21, 2016
- John Sylvanus Appointed to York Symphony Orchestra's Board of Directors  
January 28, 2013