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OVERVIEW:

Josh is a partner in the firm's Litigation and Creditors' Rights Practice Groups and leads the firm's injunction practice. He is a commercial litigator, equally adept at negotiating a common sense solution, navigating alternative dispute resolution (mediation or arbitration), or advocating his clients' interests at all stages and manner of litigation. Josh handles both prosecution and defense of emergency/special and preliminary injunctions. He has tried cases in state, federal and military courts.

Commercial Litigation

Represents businesses and individuals in contract, collections, judgment enforcement and business tort litigation, and restrictive covenant cases involving non-competition, non-solicitation and non-disclosure agreements.

Real Estate Litigation

Represents commercial and residential property owners, developers and landlords in lease disputes, evictions, deed and restrictive covenant actions.

Construction Litigation

Represents owners, contractors, subcontractors, architects and engineers in construction contract and design/defect matters.

Casualty and General Liability Litigation

Represents businesses and property owners and in personal injury, indemnity and premises liability actions, and leading the defense of premises liability claims for a major Pennsylvania health care institution.

Prior to joining the firm, Josh served as Captain and Trial Counsel with the [U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's \(JAG\) Corps](#) and as Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the [Eastern District of Virginia](#), where he prosecuted misdemeanor and felony criminal trials. Prior to college, Josh served as an Airborne Ranger and rifle team leader with 3rd Ranger Battalion and the 25th Infantry Division (Light) Hawaii, deploying for Operation Uphold Democracy and the subsequent U.N. Mission in Haiti in 1995, and for training to Australia and the Republic of Korea.

EDUCATION:

- Vanderbilt University Law School, Phi Delta Phi
- Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, (History, English and Philosophy), Summa Cum Laude, Outstanding Senior Man

ADMISSIONS:

- Pennsylvania, 2003
- 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 Fourth Circuit

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Litigation
- Real Estate
- Lease Restructuring
- Real Estate Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Finance & Creditors' Rights

INDUSTRY GROUPS:

- Health Care
- Transportation, Logistics & Trade
- Construction

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Wayside Presbyterian Church (Landisville)

Ruling Elder (ordained), Session, Building and Grounds Committee Chair

Rotary Club of Lancaster

Club Member; Planning and Fundraising Committees

Veterans' Court Community Partnership

Founding Member

Manheim Athletic Association

Former volunteer youth softball coach

OperaLancaster

Former board member and president

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Lancaster Bar Association

PRESENTATIONS:

- Understanding Complex Lease Provisions, Wake up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate (June 2023)
- Podcast Interview with Mark Bowden, Author of Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War, Barley Snyder Legal Dose (linked below) (2022)
- Doing Business with Coronavirus: Managing Tenant Relationships and Protecting Landlord Interests, CCIM Webinar (May 2020)
 - Managing and Protecting Your Online Reputation, ABC Keystone Seminar (October 2018)
 - Hot Topics in Commercial Loan Workouts and Restructuring, Lendicon 2017 (March 2017)
 - Sheriff Sales and Tax Sales; What do you really need to know? Barley Snyder LendiCon Seminar (March 2016)
 - Deeds in Lieu, Short Sales and Deficiency Judgments, Barley Snyder LendiCon Seminar (March 2015)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Trial Counsel, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia
- Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, Virginia
- Airborne Ranger/Rifle Team Leader, Fort Benning, Georgia and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

RELATED NEWS:

- Barley Snyder Attorneys Rebecca Shanaman and Katelyn Rohrbaugh selected as Central Penn Business Journal's Women of Influence Award Winners
May 12, 2025
- Barley Snyder Welcomes Attorney Rebecca Shanaman to York Office
August 7, 2024

RELATED RESOURCES:

- LEGAL DOSE 3. Interview with Mark Bowden, Author of Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War
December 28, 2022