

Keith Mooney

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OVERVIEW:

Keith concentrates his practice in municipal, real estate and labor and employment law. He relies on his 30+ years of legal experience in both the private and public sector to provide clients with strategic and insightful guidance.

Real Estate and Land Use

Keith represents both municipal and development clients in matters involving requests for variances, special exceptions, conditional uses, zoning appeals and other land use issues. He has drafted amendments to zoning ordinances and guided municipalities through the amendment process mandated by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, and assists municipalities and developers in guiding real estate development projects through the subdivision and land development process. Keith regularly works with residential housing and retail/commercial developers, convenience store/gas station chains, fast-food franchises (on both the franchisee and franchisor side), and big-box warehouse operators.

Municipal

As a municipal law counselor, Keith advises and represents local municipal governments and municipal authorities in matters involving the Sunshine Law and Open Records Act, condemnations, administrative matters, labor and workforce issues, civil service issues, zoning and land planning matters, public bidding and contract negotiations. Keith has also represented municipalities before the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regarding alleged violations of the Clean Water Act and the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law.

Keith currently serves as solicitor for the Boroughs of Kutztown and Shoemakersville, Bern Township and has served as special counsel for Spring Township involving land use issues. Keith previously served as solicitor and legal counsel for the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Reading and has assisted the Redevelopment Authority in such areas as redevelopment projects, brownfields issues and condemnations. Projects in which Keith has assisted the Redevelopment Authority with include the Goggleworks Center for the Arts, the City of Reading Sovereign Center and the R/C Theatres project, which involved the development

of an eleven-screen multiplex including an IMAX theatre.

Labor & Employment
As a labor and employment counselor, Keith represents employers in grievance arbitration and in the resolution, settlement and/or adjudication of unfair labor practice complaints before the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board. Keith has negotiated public sector collective bargaining agreements between municipalities and AFSCME, the FOP, the Teamsters and the IAFF. In negotiating public sector collective bargaining agreements, Keith has participated in fact finding mediation.

Creditors' Rights
Keith is a member of the firm's Finance & Creditors' Rights Practice Group, where his practice includes residential mortgage foreclosure.

Prior to joining the firm, Keith served as solicitor for the City of Reading, Pennsylvania.

EDUCATION:

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

ADMISSIONS:

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

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Real Estate
- Land Use
- Employment
- Labor Law
- Finance & Creditors' Rights
- Community Associations

INDUSTRY GROUPS:

- Municipal
- Construction

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Reading Public Library
Board of Directors, Former Vice President

The Highlands at Wyomissing
Vice President, Board Member

Berks Arts Council
Board Member, Past President

United Way of Reading and Berks County Allocation Team
Former Member (2004-2015)

Berks Connections/Pretrial Services
Former Board President (1998-2015)

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Former Member of Pennsylvania Bar Association Constitutional Review Commission
  Former Member of DMC Reduction Steering Committee
  Berks County Bar Association
  Pennsylvania Bar Association

PRESENTATIONS:

- "Zoning Applications and Municipal Strategies", Wake up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate (October 2024)
- "What Will the Neighbors Think? Public Input on Developments of Regional Significance", Berks County Bar Association Bar Conference CLE Presentation (April 2024)
- "Condos in the City", Wake up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate (June 2019)

- "Consumer Credit: Foreclosure and Bankruptcy Update", Barley Snyder LendiCon Seminar (May 2014)
- "Residential Foreclosure Issues", Barley Snyder LendiCon Seminar (November 2012)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Former City Solicitor, City of Reading, PA

RELATED NEWS:

- Barley Snyder Attorneys Brian Ott and Keith Mooney named to Lehigh Valley Business's Law Power List
  December 29, 2022
- Sunshine Act Changes Coming Soon
  July 12, 2021
- The Return to In-Person Municipal Meetings
  June 15, 2021
- Municipal Hearings and COVID-19
  March 25, 2020
- Barley Snyder Attorney Mooney Named President of Berks Arts Council Board
  July 29, 2019
- Thirteen Barley Snyder Attorneys Named Select Lawyers
  December 27, 2016

RELATED RESOURCES:

- Wake Up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate Webinar Replays
  December 8, 2020