



Megan Ryland Tanner

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OVERVIEW:

Megan is a member of Barley Snyder's [Business](#) and [Real Estate](#) and [Liquor Law](#) practice groups, bringing over 20 years of experience to the firm. She is dedicated to serving her clients while making a difference in the community.

Business

In her business practice, Megan assists clients with entity formations and agreements, including liability, operations, and indemnification. She has experience handling mergers and acquisitions, guiding clients through the complexities of corporate transactions, including due diligence, negotiations, and post-transaction integration. Megan frequently handles business sales for both buyers and sellers in the region, ensuring that all aspects of the deal are carefully managed. Her experience also extends to liquor license matters, where she works with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) on issues such as liquor license purchases, sales, transfers, and related matters.

Liquor Law

Megan has a strong background in liquor law, having represented clients in matters involving the PLCB. In one instance, she represented a restaurant owner in a matter where PLCB would not approve a restaurant manager due to her criminal history. Megan advocated for her client and requested a hearing, and the manager was ultimately approved to act as manager. She is RAMP certified, allowing her to provide valuable guidance to clients on policies and procedures for serving and selling liquor. Megan's extensive experience with liquor licensing ensures that her clients are well-represented in these highly regulated matters.

Real Estate

In addition to her business and liquor license work, Megan also has significant experience in real estate. She regularly handles real estate closings and sales agreements and is a licensed title agent. Her real estate practice complements her business and liquor license experience, particularly when dealing with commercial properties and transactions involving liquor license transfers.

Banking

Megan assists with the review and revision of loan documents and agreements for banks, ensuring they are clear, enforceable, and in accordance with regulatory requirements.

Municipal

Megan also serves as solicitor for two townships, providing legal counsel on a wide range of municipal matters. Her work includes handling zoning issues, drafting ordinances, and advising on land use and development regulations. Megan works closely with township officials to navigate complex legal frameworks and ensure compliance. Her municipal experience adds a valuable layer to her overall legal knowledge, particularly in matters intersecting business and real estate.

Megan started her law career in private practice where she gained a breadth of experience. In addition to her years in private law firm practice, Megan previously served in the Lebanon County District Attorney's Office as Senior Deputy District Attorney where she prosecuted felony and misdemeanor cases including child abuse, juvenile and adult sex crimes, domestic violence, homicides and robberies in both adult and juvenile criminal systems. Megan handled sensitive cases while working closely with the Sexual Assault Resource and Counseling Center (SARCC), conducting well over 100 jury trials. Additionally, she managed and handled all the Act 21 (civil commitments) for the office as well as developed and managed the child abuse response police advisories and multidisciplinary investigative team (MDIT). Megan was an active member of the Lebanon County Child Abuse Task Force and a board member representing Lebanon County for the Children's Resource Center in Harrisburg. She was appointed by the Lebanon County Court of Common Pleas as a Custody Conciliator, a role which she served in from June 2003 to January 2023, resolving familial custody issues in lieu of litigation.

Outside of the firm, Megan is involved with Leadership Lebanon Valley's Justice Day Program volunteering with its mock trial and providing a presentation about the criminal system. She also serves on the boards of the Lebanon Community Library, the Salvation Army Lebanon Corps and the Lebanon County Bar Association.

A life-long resident of Lebanon County and mother of three, Megan considers herself a "people" person. She thoroughly enjoys interacting with her clients and providing them with sound, honest and efficient legal counsel.

EDUCATION:

- Widener University School of Law, J.D.
- Penn State University, B.S. in Public Policy

ADMISSIONS:

- Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

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

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Business
- Real Estate
- Title Insurance
- Land Use
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

INDUSTRY GROUPS:

- Hospitality
- Liquor Law

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Lebanon Community Library

Board member

Salvation Army Lebanon Corps

Board member

Lebanon County Bar Association

Board member

Leadership Lebanon Valley Justice Day Program

Volunteer and presenter

Lebanon County for the Children's Resource Center

Former board member

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Pennsylvania Bar Association

RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS:

- Women Working for Justice by the Lebanon County Commission for Women in 2013
- Children's Hero Award from Children's Resource Center in 2014
- Children's Hero Award from Sexual Assault Resource and Counseling Center in 2015

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Lebanon County Court of Common Pleas, Custody Conciliator, June 2003 to January 2023
- Lebanon County Child Abuse Task Force, Former Member

PRESENTATIONS:

- Mock Criminal Trial/Presentation on the Criminal Justice System, Leadership Lebanon Valley Justice Day Program (June 2023)

RELATED NEWS:

- Barley Snyder Attorney Megan Ryland Tanner Named to Lebanon Community Library Board of Trustees
August 21, 2024
- Barley Snyder Attorney Megan Ryland Tanner Appointed to Salvation Army Lebanon Corps Board of Directors
April 4, 2024
- Barley Snyder Adds Attorney Nichole Eisenhart to Growing Roster
October 16, 2023
- Misclassification of Workers is an Increasing Problem
August 18, 2022