



Michael W. Davis

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OVERVIEW:

Michael W. Davis is a partner with Barley Snyder and concentrates his practice in the areas of [environmental](#), [real estate](#), agribusiness, higher education and [municipal law](#). Mike's 20 years of practice have provided him with experience representing a wide range of clients ranging from large Fortune 500 companies to small closely held businesses, agricultural ventures, colleges, economic development companies, industrial development organizations and government entities including counties, townships, boroughs, zoning hearing boards, housing authorities, and industrial development authorities.

Environmental

As chair of Barley Snyder's Environmental Law Group, Mike routinely assists his clients with the environmental aspects of real estate and business transactions including site remediation, permitting, cleanup compliance, and Brownfield development. Mike's 20 years of experience in the environmental area have provided him with ample experience interfacing with the [Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection](#) (DEP) and the United States [Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA) on regulatory issues. Additionally, Mike has extensive experience in handling issues regarding:

Recently, Mike has handled high profile environmental projects including the Northwest Gateway Project and the Turkey Hill Experience:

Real Estate

Mike's real estate practice dovetails with his work in the environmental, municipal and agribusiness areas. In addition to land use, zoning, easement, tax assessment appeals, leasing and conveyance matters, Mike has handled a number of eminent domain matters.

Agribusiness

In the agribusiness area, Mike has significant experience with securing zoning, soil conservation district approvals and permitting associated with developing [Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations](#) (CAFOs). These CAFO

projects also typically involve Nutrient Management Act and Act 6 issues including manure importer and exporter agreements. Mike is also well-versed on nutrient credit trading and related trading agreements as well as storm water issues associated with agricultural operations.

Higher Education

In the higher education area, Mike serves as a primary contact for several private colleges and a community college in the region on issues relating to board governance, redevelopment activities, non-profit status, environmental compliance and environmental audits, safety and security concerns including police powers, faculty, personnel and student matters, contract review and negotiation including sole source contracting, zoning and land development, and real estate acquisition and leasing. Mike is experienced in dealing with the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#) (ADA) and the [Campus Security Act](#) and is a member of the [National Association of College and University Attorneys](#).

Municipal

In his municipal practice, Mike focuses on the representation of public bodies including boroughs, municipal authorities, economic development companies, industrial development companies, and zoning hearing boards. Mike works closely with municipal officials and staff in dealing with public bidding issues, the Sunshine Law, the [Right-to-Know Law](#), the [Ethics Act](#), the Eminent Domain Code, zoning determinations, permitting issues, [Environmental Hearing Board](#) proceedings, DEP enforcement actions, leasing issues, reviewing and revising bid specifications and construction contracts, vendor contracts and personnel issues.

EDUCATION:

- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, J.D.
- Franklin & Marshall College, B.A., Phi Beta Kappa

ADMISSIONS:

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

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Real Estate
- Higher Education
- Crisis Management

INDUSTRY GROUPS:

- Environment & Energy
- Municipal
- Food & Agribusiness
- Senior Living
- Health Care
- Construction

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

EDC of Lancaster County

Board member

Tennis Central

Former Board member

EDC Finance Corp. of Lancaster County

Former President of the board

Lancaster Family YMCA

Former board member

St. Anne School

Former school board member and former president

Lancaster Integrated Specialized Transportation System (LISTS)

Former board member

RECOGNITIONS:

- Select Lawyer, Polk-Lepson Research Group; Environmental Law
- Corporate American Legal Elite Agricultural Ventures (2015)
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers; Real Estate Law (2014)

MEMBERSHIPS:

- American, Pennsylvania and Lancaster Bar Associations
- Pennsylvania Borough Solicitor's Association
- National Association of College and University Attorneys

PRESENTATION:

- "Ever-Changing Challenges of Construction & Development in PA", Wake up with Barley: A Morning on Real Estate (June 2018)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Penn State University Continuing Education Program for Realtors (Instructor)

RELATED NEWS:

- Barley Snyder Attorneys Named to the Lists of 2014 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Pennsylvania Rising Stars
May 27, 2014