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Ross concentrates his practice in the areas of zoning and land use and development.

For decades, residential, commercial, and industrial real estate developers and property owners, including educational institutions, have turned to Ross for solutions to their most complex challenges. In an area of law in which the ability to achieve clients' goals often hinges on the ability to secure buy-in from public bodies, Ross' extensive experience appearing before boards of elected and appointed officials in the five-county area of southeastern Pennsylvania gives his clients an edge.

Ross has served as solicitor to several municipalities, including Whitmarsh Township and Lower Moreland Township, as well as to Towamencin Township Infrastructure Authority and Development Authority, the Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County, and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. Serving in these roles provided Ross with essential insights into the inner workings of such bodies, which he now brings to bear for the benefit of his clients.

Ross's steadfast dedication to his clients, and his tireless efforts to help transform their vision into reality, keeps them coming back time and again. For example, Ross has represented real estate development company Oliver Tyrone Pulver Corporation for more than 25 years.

Ross has been active in politics for the past 40 years, having served as treasurer for numerous political campaigns, including candidates for the state legislature, Pennsylvania Supreme Court, county commissioner, Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, district attorney of Montgomery County and Montgomery County District Justice. In 2007, he served as treasurer of Matthews-Castor '07 (Montgomery County Commissioners); in 2011, he served as treasurer for Brown-Castor '11 (Montgomery County Commissioners); and he served as treasurer for Friends of Bruce Castor and Friends of Jenny Brown. Ross has also been a director of the Montgomery Bar Association, a member of its Judiciary Committee, and served as chairman of the committee in 2000. He has served on the Montgomery County Board of Health from 2002 to 2012, including time as its chairman.

Ross is a member of the Montgomery County and American Bar Associations and is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania. He has been honored by his peers as a Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer" each year since 2004 and has been awarded Martindale-Hubbell's highest "AV" rating.

Ross earned his undergraduate degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1968 and his law degree from Duquesne University Law School in 1972, where he was an editor of the law review and member of the Appellate Moot Court Board. He was a law clerk to Benjamin R. Jones, Chief Justice, Pennsylvania Supreme Court (1972-1973) and a member of the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office from 1973 to 1979, serving as first assistant district attorney from 1975 to 1979.

Experience

Represented Rosemont College in obtaining approvals for the construction of its new student center.

Representing The French International School of Philadelphia in obtaining approvals for the expansion of its upper school.

Practice Areas

- Zoning, Land Use & Development
- Real Estate Litigation
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate

Industry Sectors

- Real Estate & Construction

Education

- Duquesne University School of Law, J.D., 1972
- Pennsylvania State University, B.A., 1968

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- Commonwealth Court Of Pennsylvania
- Court Of Common Pleas- Montgomery County
- Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- Superior Court of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Supreme Court

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association

Awards & Honors

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, 2004-2020

Clerkships

The Honorable Benjamin R. Jones, Chief Justice, Pennsylvania Supreme Court

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Representing Freedom Ardmore, LP in obtaining approvals for its rehabilitation of the historic Ardmore Theater.

Representing a national banking concern in the development of multiple sites in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Represented Oliver Tyrone Pulver Corp. in Conshohocken, Pa., and West Conshohocken, Pa., in riverfront development since 1987. The project included Pennsylvania redevelopment and condemnations, about 1.5 million sq. ft. of office space, and two Marriott Hotels.

Served as solicitor to Whitemarsh Township.

Served as solicitor to Lower Moreland Township.

Served as solicitor to the Montgomery County Waste System Authority.

Served as solicitor to the Towamencin Township Infrastructure Authority and Towamencin Township Development Authority.

Obtained a decision from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court affirming the unanimous decision from the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, affirming decisions of the Court of Common Pleas and the Cheltenham Township Zoning Hearing Board in favor of our real estate developer client, in a case of first impression. The matter centered on a dispute over whether the filing of a mandatory sketch plan creates a vested right for consideration of the plan, as well as any future zoning applications related thereto, under the zoning ordinance in effect when the sketch plan was filed. We convinced the courts that the initial filing does create such a right, and that the township's challenge to the authority of the zoning hearing board to render the initial favorable decision for our client was without merit. The Commonwealth Court's decision, which was affirmed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, permits the client to move forward with a land development plan for the contemplated five-building apartment project, featuring 216 units and a community building.

Represented Provco, Inc. in connection with obtaining entitlements and land use approvals for a 320-unit condominium project.

Represented Dranoff Properties, Inc. in connection with a mixed-use, 110-unit apartment project that includes 9,000 sq. ft. of retail space that requires various entitlements and land use approvals.

Represented The Hill at Whitemarsh in connection with obtaining entitlements and land use approvals for phase two of its continuing care retirement community, which includes five multifamily apartment buildings.

Represented Nolen Properties in connection with apartment complex containing 220 units that requires various entitlements and land use approvals.

Represented Atria Assisted Living in connection with obtaining the entitlements and land use approvals necessary for a 120-unit senior housing project.

Assisted Hansen Properties, Inc. in connection with a 222-unit apartment project that encompasses eight buildings and requires various entitlements and land use approvals.

Represented Brad Paul, Peter Staz, and Peter Spain in connection with obtaining entitlements and land use approvals for a mixed-use, 77-unit apartment project that includes 10,000 sq. ft. of retail space.

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