



DAVID A. SEVERN
 Principal , Frederick

PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Law and Transactions
- Real Estate Law and Transactions

ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Economic Development Commission Advisory to the
- Governor on State economic and business development and retention policy
- Served on committees charged with updating the Frederick County Zoning
- Ordinance and the Frederick City Land Management Code.
- Former attorney for the Frederick County Association of Realtors.
- Member and Past Director, Land Use Council, Frederick County Builders Association
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Frederick County Bar Association
- American Bar Association

PRACTICE FOCUS

David A. Severn has practiced law in Frederick MD, since 1980 and focuses on land use, development and real estate. Mr. Severn represents clients in all aspects of the zoning and land use process appearing regularly before planning commissions, boards of appeal and legislative bodies of Frederick County and its municipalities. Mr. Severn has served as lead counsel in numerous large and complex real estate development projects including a joint venture between Quantum Loophole, Inc. and TPG Real Estate Partners in the acquisition and development of the first-of-its-kind, state-of-the-art, master planned, sustainable, mass-scale gigawatt data center community on a 2,100-acre property in Frederick County, MD., the largest contiguous industrially zoned parcel of land in the Washington-Baltimore region, “Carroll Creek Park” a mixed use, public-private partnership re-development project in historic downtown Frederick modeled on River Walk in San Antonio, “Market Square”, the first mixed use commercial, employment and residential development community in Frederick City, St. John Properties’ Riverside Technology Park and Arcadia Business Park and the Daughters of Charity Ministries’ senior housing condominium project in the Town of Emmitsburg, MD.

Mr. Severn also serves as legal counsel to the Town of Walkersville and the City of Brunswick, MD. for municipal, real estate and land use matters. Mr. Severn also represents and advises banks, property owners, developers, builders, brokers and businesses in commercial closings and in a wide range of other real estate matters including contracts, leasing, easements, condominiums and financing. He has extensive experience in commercial real estate closings, title examinations, resolution of title defects and title insurance.

Mr. Severn has served the community in various ways throughout his career including chairing, participating on boards, and/or being a member of the following organizations; Mental Health Management Agency of Frederick, Maryland School for the Deaf, the Golden Mile Alliance and the Maryland Economic Development Commission. In addition, Mr. Severn was a member of the Real Property Section of the Maryland Bar Association for two years.

“I value my clients and the trust they place in me. My focus is to understand their business situation and goals, explain the legal obstacles confronting them, provide competent legal advice, and work collaboratively with them and their professional consultants toward achieving a successful result.”

— David A. Severn

POINTS OF DISTINCTION

- Offit Kurman Helps Close Significant Investments Benefitting Local Frederick County Community

PUBLICATIONS & SPEECHES

- Attorney Dave Severn Speaks at Medical Cannabis and Your County, November 2016
- Co-writer of the City of Cumberland, Maryland Zoning Ordinance
- Guest speaker on zoning and land use law for the Maryland Chapter of the American Planning Association/Maryland Association of Zoning Officials, the Maryland Citizen Planners' Association, the Maryland Municipal League and the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties
- Instructed real estate agents and brokers in continuing education and licensing courses on contract, agency, ethics and zoning law through Frederick Community College.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Baltimore School of Law, 1980
- B.A (cum laude), Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College), 1977

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland Court of Appeals
- United States District Court