



David Severn
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PRACTICE AREAS

- Real Estate Law And Transactions
- Business Law And Transactions

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

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

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 been practicing law in Frederick MD, since 1980 and focuses his practice on land use, development and real estate. He 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, Washington County and their municipalities. He has served as lead counsel in numerous large and complex development projects including "Carroll Creek Park" a mixed use, public-private partnership re-development project in historic downtown Frederick modeled on River Walk in San Antonio, "Frederick Crossing", the first large mixed use commercial retail/employment center in Frederick County and the redevelopment of the Frederick Towne Mall. David also works for the public sector in serving as legal counsel to the Town of Walkersville, Frederick County and Washington County Public Schools for real estate and land use matters.

David also represents and advises banks, property owners, 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 real estate settlements, title examinations, resolution of title defects and title insurance.

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.