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Practice Groups

- Construction
- Litigation
- Real Estate & Lending

Education

- J.D., The Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law, 1999
 - Woolsack Honors Society
 - Order of Barristers
- B.A., Virginia Tech, 1996 – *magna cum laude*
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Joshua R. Lorenz focuses his practice on construction law and litigation, real estate law and litigation, business and commercial litigation, and tort defense litigation. He has appeared before multiple state, federal, and bankruptcy courts, as well as numerous arbitration panels and administrative bodies. In addition to counseling and assisting corporate, individual, and municipal clients as to their business needs, he regularly represents them in both the prosecution and defense of their legal disputes, including appellate matters. Josh is Co-Chair of the Construction Group at Meyer, Unkovic & Scott.

Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Representative Matters

- Advising those in the construction, real estate, and business/commercial sectors regarding their contractual rights, duties, and obligations which includes the negotiation, drafting, and litigation of complex written agreements.
- Providing unique insight regarding the challenges facing the construction and real estate industries, including project planning and management, mechanic's lien exposure, liability, and warranty considerations.
- Conducting commercial and residential tax assessment appeals.
- Counseling multiple large residential condominium and community associations on an ongoing basis on matters such as maintenance and construction, risk management, employment, voting issues, assessments, and collections.
- Representing clients in matters pending before various state and federal courts, mediators, single and panel arbitrators, and other dispute resolution proceedings.

Awards/Honors

- Selected multiple times to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list
- Selected multiple times to the Pennsylvania Rising Stars list
- Selected as one of Pennsylvania's *Lawyers on the Fast Track*® for 2007
- Included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Construction Law and Litigation - Construction

Professional/Community Involvement

- Allegheny County Bar Association, Member
- Westmoreland Bar Association, Member

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Professional/Community Involvement (cont'd)

- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member
- Municipality of Murrysville Council, President
- Municipality of Murrysville Planning Commission, (past member prior to being elected to Council)
- Murrysville Area Soccer Association, past President, past Vice President/Director of Coaching and Player Development, Board Member

Articles/Speaking Engagements

- "What to Consider As New Tech Enters the Construction Industry," *MUS Blog*. June 4, 2019.
- "Private Construction Businesses Could Have More Time to Adhere to New Accounting Standards on Leases," *MUS Blog*. August 22, 2019.
- "Private Construction Businesses Could Have More Time to Follow New Lease Standards," *The Legal Intelligencer*. August 2, 2019.
- "The Potential (and Potential Pitfalls) of Blockchain in the Construction Industry," *The Legal Intelligencer*. May 31, 2019.
- "Construction Law Alert: A Checklist for Construction Professionals as Heavy Building Season Gets Underway," *MUS Blog*. April 16, 2019.
- "Five Steps to Take Before Using Drones at a Construction Site," *The Legal Intelligencer*. November 21, 2018.
- "Significant Changes to Pennsylvania's CASPA Coming Soon," *The Legal Intelligencer*. August 1, 2018.
- "All Builders' Risk Insurance Policies Are Not Created Equal," *The Legal Intelligencer*. June 7, 2018.
- Presented on Cybersecurity and the Construction Industry at Hartford Insurance's Spring Construction event in Hartford, Connecticut on May 9, 2018.
- "How to Cope With Construction Industry Labor Shortages," *The Legal Intelligencer*, January 29, 2018.
- "The Construction Industry and Medical Marijuana Use in Pennsylvania," *The Legal Intelligencer*. November 30, 2017.
- "Construction Could Be the Next Target for Cyberthreats," *The Legal Intelligencer*, August 22, 2017.
- "Navigating Changes to Pennsylvania's Mechanics' Lien Law," *The Legal Intelligencer*, July 13, 2017.
- "Contractual Risk Management Tips for Construction Companies," *The Legal Intelligencer*, July 7, 2017.
- "Energy Benchmarking Regs May Cause Shift to Performance-Based Contracts," *The Legal Intelligencer*. November 30, 2016.
- "Mechanic's Lien Waivers Place Burden on Contractors and Subcontractors," *The Legal Intelligencer*, September 6, 2016.
- "Effective Risk Allocation Should Be Fair and Multifaceted," *The Legal Intelligencer*, May 12, 2016.
- "Limiting Construction Project Owners' Liability for Mechanics' Liens," *The Legal Intelligencer*, February 9, 2016.
- "Construction Pros Should Understand Lien Law Changes to Improve Chances of Payment," *Breaking Ground Magazine*, September/October 2014.
- "Business Workshop: Union workers are not subcontractors," *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. July 29, 2014.
- "Pennsylvania Construction Law: Getting Started, Getting Covered, Getting Paid," the *Pennsylvania Bar Institute*, Chapter 9, 2nd ed., May 1, 2014.
- "Valuation Litigation is on the Rise," *The Legal Intelligencer*, March 2009.

Additional Information

Josh resides in Murrysville with his wife, Erin, and their two sons. In addition to staying active with soccer, they enjoy traveling and volunteering their time in the community, particularly fundraising to benefit those impacted by cancer and their families.