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Jason M. Yarbrough is a Partner and Chair of the firm's Real Estate Litigation Section, and a member of the firm's Construction Law, Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy, Energy, Utilities & Mineral Rights and Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice Groups.

Mr. Yarbrough frequently represents clients in complex commercial, real estate and construction disputes. His real estate litigation practice includes disputes involving the acquisition and development of real property, landlord tenant disputes, property rights, property tax assessment appeals and exemption proceedings, land use and title disputes, partition actions and foreclosure proceedings. In his construction practice, Mr. Yarbrough represents owners, developers, contractors, architects, and engineers in disputes arising out of both public and private construction projects. He has litigated claims in state and federal courts, and against state agencies and the federal government.

Mr. Yarbrough graduated magna cum laude from the University of Notre Dame and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law with Honors, where he served as Research Editor for the University of Pittsburgh Law Review. Mr. Yarbrough was included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Litigation – Real Estate since the 2022 edition. He was previously selected as one of Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® Rising Stars from 2010-2018, and one of 38 Pennsylvania attorneys receiving the honor of "Lawyer on the Fast Track" by The Legal Intelligencer in 2013.

Mr. Yarbrough is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and numerous federal courts, and is a member of Council for the Construction Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

Practice Groups

- Construction
- Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy
- Energy, Utilities & Mineral Rights
- Litigation
- Real Estate & Lending
- Real Estate Litigation

Education

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2004 – *cum laude*
  - Research Editor, *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*
- B.A., University of Notre Dame, 2001 – *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Ohio

Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- United States Court of Federal Claims

Awards/Honors

- Included to the Pennsylvania Rising Stars list – 2010 - 2018
- Selected as a 2013 "Lawyer on the Fast Track" by *The Legal Intelligencer*
- Included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Litigation – Real Estate since 2022

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Professional/Community Involvement

- Allegheny County Bar Association, Member
  - Construction Section Council, 2010-2018, 2021-present
  - Real Property Section
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member

Articles/Speaking Engagements

- Interview, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, "Braced for pandemic-driven property assessment appeals, Allegheny County gets a surprise," April 2, 2021.
- Interview, *Bisnow*, "Want Commercial Property Tax Relief? Don't Hold Your Breath," March 28, 2021.
- Interview, *The New York Times*, "Empty Office Buildings Squeeze City Budgets as Property Values Fall," March 3, 2021.
- Interview, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, "Allegheny County, others prepare for a surge in assessment appeals by COVID-ravaged businesses," October, 11, 2020.
- "COVID-19 Fallout Could Lead to Lower Commercial Property Taxes," *ACBA Lawyers Journal*, 22(21). October 9, 2020.
- "COVID-19 Fallout Could Lead to Lower Commercial Property Taxes," *Bloomberg Tax,* July 14, 2020.
- "The Impact of COVID-19 on Commercial Properties and Tax Assessment Appeals: The Potential for Lower Property Taxes," *MUS Client Advisory*, April 29, 2020.
- "COVID-19 SBA Relief Programs," *MUS Client Advisory*, April 7, 2020.
- "Client Alert: COVID-19 PA CARE Package," *MUS Client Advisory*, April 1, 2020.
- Presenter, PBI Day on Real Estate, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Pittsburgh, PA on the topic "Managing and Responding to Mechanics' Liens: Advice for Owners, Developers and Their Counsel," March 5, 2020.
- Roundtable leader, ICSC OKIMP Retail Development & Law Symposium, Columbus, Ohio, on the topic, "Somebody to Lien On: Mechanic's Liens and Tenant Improvements," February 28, 2020.
- "Client Alert: Deadline for 2018 Allegheny County Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeals is Fast Approaching," *MUS Blog*, February 14, 2018.
- "PA Supreme Court Holds School Districts Cannot Target Only Certain Properties for Tax Assessment Appeals," *MUS Blog*, November 20, 2017.
- "What Weight Do Different States Give To Rent Acceleration Or Mitigation Of Damages Clauses?" Presenter, International Council of Shopping Centers Retail Development & Law Symposium, Columbus, Ohio, March 3, 2016.
- "Mechanics' Liens in Pennsylvania," Presenter, NAIOP Pittsburgh Chapter, CFO Forum, February 10, 2016.
- "*Bruno v. Erie Insurance* Brings Broad Changes to Construction Law," *The Legal Intelligencer*, August 11, 2015.
- "Construction Defect Litigation: From A to Z," Presenter, National Business Institute, April 21, 2015.
- "Mechanics' Liens in Pennsylvania," Presenter, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, July 8, 2014.
- "Valuing Special Properties for Tax Assessment Appeal," Co-author, NAIOP Pittsburgh, April 2014.
- "Selecting the Right Dispute Resolution Provision," *Breaking Ground*, July/August 2012.
- "Mediation and Settlement of Coverage Disputes," Presenter, National Business Institute, April 23, 2012.
- "Interest; No Penalty; Attorney's Fees to be Determined," *MUS Client Advisory*, November 7, 2007.
- "Waiver of Written Notice on Change Orders," *MUS Client Advisory*, August 6, 2007.