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Andrea Geraghty focuses her practice in real estate law. With over 30 years of experience, she has wide-ranging experience derived from working with clients through land acquisition, development, construction, and management of a variety of real estate endeavors. She has significant litigation experience in diverse real estate-related matters such as eminent domain, property tax assessment appeals, title and boundary disputes, real estate broker's commissions, and leasing. Andrea seeks to understand her clients' business operations and goals and to identify risk, thus allowing her to effectively serve as both strategist and counselor.

Capabilities

- Real Estate & Lending
- Litigation
- Construction

Representative Matters

- Assists with acquisition and disposition of multi-family, retail, office, distribution, and industrial properties.
- Land use counsel for development and redevelopment projects.
- Counsels regulated public utility on real estate acquisition, management, development, and related litigation issues.
- Pennsylvania counsel for renewable energy providers.
- Claims and coverage counsel for international title insurers.
- Develops policies and procedures for national non-profit related to acquisition of properties, property tax exemptions and enforcing occupancy rights.
- Provides general legal counsel to business and non-profit entities.
- Successfully argued before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on the applicability of Institutions of Public Charity Act.



Awards & Honors

- AV Preeminent® Rating - Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating Program
- Recognized by The Best Lawyers in America® since 2001
- Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers
- Selected to Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list since 2005
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, President's Awards of Merit 2006 and 2017
- Distinguished Service Award – Boy Scouts, Laurel Highlands Council 2020
- Duquesne University Women's Law Association 2020 Woman of the Year
- Ranked in Band 1 in Pennsylvania: Pittsburgh & Surrounds in Real Estate in *Chambers USA*.
- GlobeSt. Real Estate Forum 2022 Woman of Influence

Professional/Community Involvement

- Advanced Commercial Leasing Institute, Co-Chair
- American College of Real Estate Lawyers
- Allegheny County Bar Association
- Allegheny County Bar Foundation
- Allegheny County Energy & Environment Vision Team 2012, Chair
- Allegheny County Government Review Commission 2015-2016
- Boy Scouts of America, Laurel Highlands Council Board
- Duquesne University's Law Alumni Scholarship Fund Board
- Duquesne University School of Law Alumni Association
- MLM Insurance Company Board
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Institute 1997-2000
- Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority 2014-2017
- ULI Pittsburgh
- Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Education

- J.D., Duquesne University School of Law, 1983, *cum laude*
- B.A., Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1974



Writing/Speaking

- "Understanding Pennsylvania Eminent Domain," Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors, July 13, 2022.
- "Playing Chess: How to Best Position Your Landowner/Developer Client for Potential Litigation of Land Use/Permitting Applications," RPTE National CLE Conference, April 27, 2022.
- "How a Trusted Advisor Handles Client Conflicts," American College of Real Estate Lawyers, October 23-24, 2021.
- "Pennsylvania Eminent Domain," University of Pittsburgh School of Law, October 2020.

