

# Jason P. Wrona

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## Partner

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Jason's practice focuses on transformative real estate projects that require creative legal strategies, political insight, and stakeholder engagement. He often finds himself in front of elected officials and community leaders as he shepherds high-profile deals to closing. He takes pride in being the "last person in the room" for his clients and handles their business with care and attention as if it were his own.

He is well-versed in traditional real estate and municipal law and regularly counsels clients with respect to commercial property sales with tax-advantaged structuring, mixed-use developments, land use issues, commercial and retail leases, and property tax issues. Many of his engagements are in the public private partnership arena where public policy, public funding, politics, and private development overlap.

Jason's blue-collar roots in rural Southwestern Pennsylvania have given him an appreciation for all walks of life. He has a son and daughter that reward and frustrate him in amazing ways. He is an avid outdoorsman and resides in the North Hills.

## Capabilities

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- Real Estate & Lending

## Representative Matters

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- Real Estate
  - Representation of a joint venture between the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Continental Real Estate Companies in connection with its development of the North Shore entertainment district, which has resulted in millions of square feet of mixed-use development around Acrisure Stadium and PNC Park.
  - Representation of a major beverage manufacturer in connection with the long-term ground lease of a to-be-constructed 600,000 square foot manufacturing and warehousing facility in Baltimore, Maryland.
  - Representation of Point Park University in its acquisition of nearly a dozen buildings around its campus in Downtown Pittsburgh in support of its campus expansion master plan. Jason's work culminated representing the University in the development of the new Pittsburgh Playhouse, which is a \$60 million, 100,000 square foot multi-disciplinary theatre.



- Representation of the owner of the Union Trust Building in securing public funding and entitlements to support the approximate \$100 million renovation of this architectural treasure.
- Representation of PPG Industries, Inc. in the sale of approximately 3,000 acres of property to an oil and gas producer, which included complex restrictions against drilling that could impact underground brine caverns.
- Representation of numerous governmental entities and private parties in P3 transactions throughout the United States, including those for governmental center developments, parking system privatizations, and wastewater system privatizations.
- Representation of buyers and sellers of major CBD buildings such as the Koppers Building, Liberty Center and Chamber of Commerce Building.
- Municipal Law
  - Served as General Counsel to the Pittsburgh Parking Authority, which employs hundreds and generates more than \$50 million in annual operating revenues. In this role, Jason oversaw all legal matters for the Authority, including corporate governance, labor and employment matters, real estate, construction, public finance, litigation, procurement, and compliance with Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law and Sunshine Act.
  - Represented various private parties in local, state, and federal government procurement processes (e.g. RFPs, RFIs, IFBs).

## Awards & Honors

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- Individually ranked in 2022 Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business – Real Estate for PA: Pittsburgh & Surrounds
- Selected to Super Lawyers® Rising Stars 2012-2015
- Selected to Best Lawyers in America® for Real Estate Law, 2018-2022

## Professional/Community Involvement

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- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member
- Land Bank Committee of the City of Pittsburgh Land Recycling Task Force, former Co-Chair
- NAIOP, Member
- Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, Board Member and Executive Committee Member
- Observatory Hill, Inc., Board of Directors, former President
- Leadership Pittsburgh, XXXVI
- Calliope: The Folk Music Society of Pittsburgh, Board of Directors, former Secretary
- Construction Junction, former Board Member

## Bar Admissions

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- Pennsylvania

## Education

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- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2005
- B.A., Washington & Jefferson College, 2002