# Matthew J. Carl

## Of Counsel

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Matthew is a member of the firm's Corporate, Real Estate, and Private Clients Groups. He counsels diverse local, national, and international businesses and individuals. He focuses on advising clients on general corporate and commercial matters including choice of entity issues, mergers and acquisitions, finance, management, contracting and business succession. His real estate work includes regularly negotiating documents and closing all types of real estate and commercial transactions.

In his estate planning practice, he assists his clients in developing estate-planning objectives from business succession, federal estate and Pennsylvania inheritance tax issue, protection of family assets, charitable transfers, and wills and trusts providing for minors and individuals with special needs. He assists executors and trustees in the creation and administration of decedent's estates and trusts. He litigates Orphan's Court matters including will contests, guardianships, adoptions, and estate administration disputes.

### **Capabilities**

- Corporate
- Private Clients
- Real Estate & Lending

### **Awards & Honors**

- AV Preeminent® Rating from the Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating Program
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyer, 2005 to 2017

### **Professional/Community Involvement**

- American Bar Association, Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member
- Previously served as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Committee for Individuals
  with Disabilities and has participated in the drafting of Pennsylvania Guardianship and Living
  Wills Statutes.
- Allegheny County Bar Association
- Business Law and Real Property, Probate and Trust Sections.
- Duquesne University School of Law, Adjunct Professor
- University of Virginia, Virginia Club of Pittsburgh, member
- Former local chairperson of the Western Pennsylvania Jefferson Scholarship Selection Committee.



### **Bar Admissions**

Pennsylvania

### **Court Admissions**

• Pennsylvania Supreme Court

#### **Education**

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 1982
- B.A., University of Virginia, 1979

### Writing/Speaking

- "Mineral Rights: What You Need to Know NOW!," National Business Institute, December, 2011.
- "Coal Industry Land Law," Half Moon, January, 2010.
- "Mineral Rights in America: What You Need to Know NOW!," National Business Institute, April, 2009.
- "Law of Easements: Legal Issues and Practical Considerations," Lorman, December, 2008.
- "In Depth Title Insurance Principles," National Business Institute, June, 2008.
- "The Real Estate Development Approval Process," National Business Institute, November, 2007.
- "Title Law in Pennsylvania," National Business Institute, October, 2001.
- "Family Limited Partnerships in Estate Planning and Asset Protection," National Business Institute, August, 2007.
- "Law of Easements: Legal Issues and Practical Considerations in Pennsylvania," Lorman, August, 2006.
- "Road and Access Law: Successfully Handling Disputes," National Business Institute, August 2006.
- "Hot Topics in Real Property Law in Pennsylvania," Lorman, December, 2004.
- "Real Estate Title Examination in Pennsylvania," National Business Institute, 2004.
- "Current Issues in Commercial Real Estate Leases in Pennsylvania," National Business Institute, 2003.

