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Services and sector groups

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Development

Chris focuses on assisting commercial and residential clients and other landowners with a variety of matters, including land use, zoning, and development, before municipal planning commissions, governing bodies, and zoning hearing boards.

Chris conducts zoning and development-related code and ordinance research and analysis. He drafts and compiles all types of land use, zoning, and development-related application submission packages, including permits, determinations, relief, and amendments. Chris also attends and presents at public meetings and hearings of planning commissions, zoning hearing boards, or governing bodies, including serving as an expert witness.

As a certified planner (American Institute of Certified Planners), his work includes assisting clients with all forms of land use, zoning and development-related reviews, approvals, relief, as well as zoning amendments and challenges.

Additionally, as a certified instructor for the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI), Chris regularly provides training to planning commissions, zoning officers, and other municipal officials on a variety of planning, zoning, and development matters throughout the state.

Chris has nearly 30 years of community and land use planning, zoning, and development experience and relationships, working in both the public and private sectors while representing municipal and private development clients in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Oklahoma. His professional background as a community development specialist, planner, zoning and codes official, and project manager specifically included working with various local, county, and regional governments, responsible for developing a variety of plans, design standards, implementation strategies, and ordinances; funding coordination; managing a variety of projects; administering and enforcing building, zoning and development codes; and serving as a professional and technical liaison to planning commissions and governing bodies.

Certifications

- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
- Building Code Official (BCO); Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry
- Certified Trainer; Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI)

Education

- Bloomsburg University, B.A., geography, concentration in environmental planning
- minor in Anthropology
- University of Oklahoma, MRCP, regional and city planning

Professional and community involvement

- Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association
- American Planning Association
- American Institute of Certified Planners
- Pennsylvania Association of Zoning Officials