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Services and sector groups

- Real Estate
- Litigation
- Corporate and Tax
- Residential Landlord-Tenant
- Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
- Planned Communities and Condominiums
- Real Estate Litigation

Rick represents clients in all aspects of leasing throughout Maryland and Pennsylvania, from the initial lease application through the end of the tenancy. He represents and defends property owners and managers in state, federal, and bankruptcy courts, in matters involving residential and commercial landlord-tenant matters, including breach of lease, tenant holding over, and other possessory actions, fair housing, bankruptcy, defense of rent escrow and habitability complaints, debt collection, and consumer protection matters.

In his real estate practice, Rick assists with drafting leases and related documents and updating them in accordance with developments in the law. He also represents condominiums, cooperative housing communities, and homeowners associations, drafts and interprets governing documents and opinion letters, and assists with the collection of delinquent assessments.

Rick's practice additionally includes representation of creditors in bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings and handling estate administration matters.

Before joining McNeess, Rick was a partner at Sagal, Filbert, Quasney & Betten, P.A., a Towson-based boutique real estate law firm.

Rick serves as member-in-charge of McNeess' Towson, Maryland office.

Education

- University of Baltimore School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, Dean's Scholar
- McDaniel College, B.A., history, *cum laude*

Admissions

- Maryland
- Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of Maryland
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Recognition

- Award for Excellence in the Study of Labor and Employment Law, ABA/BNA, Inc., 2005

Professional and community involvement

- Maryland Multi-Housing Association, Inc., executive committee of the board of directors, member, and legislative committee member; Leadership Lyceum inaugural member
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Baltimore County Bar Association
 - Real Property, State, Local Laws & Zoning Committee
 - Negligence & Workers Compensation Committee
- Baltimore City Rent Escrow Committee and Rent Court Work Group
- Greater Brunswick Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Pikesville Recreation Council, Inc. Basketball
 - Past board of directors member
 - Past league commissioner
 - Basketball coach
- Colonial Road Runners
- Towson United Soccer, past board of directors member

Publications

- Walking the Line of Admissibility: Why Maryland Courts Should Reexamine the Admissibility of Field Sobriety Tests, University of Baltimore Law Review, Spring 2005

Speaking engagements

- Instructor, Fair Housing for Maryland Multi-Housing Association, Inc., 2024, 2025
- Panelist, Maryland Multi-Housing Association Town Hall on smoking, 2023
- Instructor, Property Partner Power Hour, Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership, 2023
- Instructor, Nuts & Bolts of Landlord-Tenant Law, The Bar Association of Baltimore City, 2016
- Panelist, Jane Harrison Speaker Series on the Importance of Housing, Homeless Persons Representation Project, 2016