

STUART T. SHMOOKLER

PARTNER



Stuart T. Shmookler focuses his practice in the related areas of business, real estate, wills, estate planning and administration. A third generation Allentownian who has been in practice for over forty years, Stuart has been able to refine the business intuition he first acquired through exposure to his grandfather's business, which is still family-owned and operated today.

Stuart's commercial clients range from small start-ups to large companies in diverse areas such as manufacturing, distribution, construction, food, retail and real estate development and investment. He advises clients with entity choice and formation, transactions, contracts, business financing, buying and selling businesses, succession and business planning, liquor law, and collections. As a value-added service Stuart visits new business clients without charge to learn as much as he can about their operations.

In his real estate practice Stuart represents individual and business clients who purchase residential, commercial, and investment properties. His services include drafting and review of leases, zoning, real estate financing, title problems, boundary disputes, title insurance, and easements.

Stuart helps families plan for the future with wills, powers of attorney, living wills, advanced health care directives, estate planning, trusts, elder law, guardianships and incapacities, and business succession planning. Clients find Stuart's sensitivity to their personal concerns, as well as his knowledge of the law and years of experience, comforting as they make major life decisions.

Stuart is an experienced lecturer and regularly speaks to Lehigh Valley groups on retirement and estate planning topics. He is an annual presenter at the Pennsylvania State Education Association teacher's union annual retirement planning meeting and has previously addressed employees of Lehigh County on the confidentiality of mental health records.

Alongside his law practice, Stuart takes an active role in the community where he has previously served as President of the Board of Directors for Valley Youth House and numerous other charitable and public organizations. He and his wife Susan have raised their children in the Lehigh Valley and worked together and with others to found a new synagogue that serves sixty families.

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Areas of Practice

Business Law
Real Estate
Wills, Trusts & Estates
Elder Law
Litigation: Orphan's Court Matters

Admissions

Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
U.S. Court of Appeals
Third Circuit

Education

Temple University School of Law,
J.D., 1974
Philadelphia University, B.S., 1969

Professional Associations

Pennsylvania Bar Association
Bar Association of Lehigh County
Chairperson Fee Dispute Committee,
Unauthorized Practice Committee
Estate Planning Council of the Lehigh
Valley

Community Involvement

Temple Shirat Shalom, Founding
Member and Former Board Member
South Whitehall Township,
Chairperson of the Public Safety
Commission
Cedar Crest College, Past Lecturer
Congregation Kenneseth Israel
former member Board of Trustees,
former Executive Vice President
Valley Youth House former member
Board of Directors, former President