

## STUART T. SHMOOKLER

PARTNER ATTORNEY



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.

Chairperson of the Wills, Trusts & Estates Group at Gross McGinley, 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