

THOMAS A. CAPEHART

PARTNER



Having practiced law in the Lehigh Valley for over 25 years, Thomas A. Capehart provides a broad breadth of legal services to both individuals and business clients, with particular emphasis on estate planning and estate administration (both simple and complex), small business formation and planning, municipal law, real estate law, and creditors' rights issues (foreclosures, bankruptcies and workouts). Tom currently serves as Chair of the firm's Real Estate Group.

In his estate practice, Tom employs a hands-on approach, offering knowledgeable, direct, and effective advice regarding wills, trusts, and other estate planning documents to help clients meet their particular estate planning needs and goals, while addressing tax issues and elder law matters including nursing home and Medicaid planning.

Tom has experience in a variety of municipal matters with regard to land use and land development. He currently acts as primary firm counsel for the Borough of Coopersburg and the Coopersburg Municipal Authority.

Tom also represents several local and regional banks in the areas of residential and commercial foreclosure, collections, and creditor's rights/bankruptcy services, regularly appears in Chapter 7, Chapter 11, and Chapter 13 Bankruptcy matters in the Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern District and Middle District of Pennsylvania. He previously served on the Attorney Advisory Board for the Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Tom is actively involved in his community, serving on the Board of the East Penn Chamber of Commerce, the Board of the Lehigh Conference of Churches and his own church, St. John's UCC in Emmaus, and as a long-time member of the Emmaus Lions Club, where he was awarded the Melvin Jones Award for dedicated service. For over 15 years, Tom has served as a PIAA football official typically working as a Line Judge on Friday night varsity games in the EPC and Colonial leagues.

Born and raised in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, Tom is a current resident of Upper Milford Township with his wife, Michelle, and they are the proud parents of two children, Matthew and Laura.

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Areas of Practices

Banking Law
Business Law
Municipal Law
Real Estate Law
Wills, Trusts, and Estates

Admissions

Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court
 Eastern District of Pennsylvania
 Middle District of Pennsylvania
 Western District of Pennsylvania
U.S. Court of Appeals
 Third Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court

Education

University of Akron School of Law,
J.D., 1989
Dickinson College, B.A., 1986

Professional Associations

Pennsylvania Bar Association
Bar Association of Lehigh County
National Academy of Elder Law
Attorneys (NAELA)
Pennsylvania Association of Elder Law
Attorneys (PAELA)
Estate Planning Council of the Lehigh
Valley

Community Involvement

The Lehigh Conference of Churches,
Board Member
East Penn Chamber of Commerce,
Second Vice President
Emmaus Lions Club
 Past President, Chair of the
 Constitution and Bylaws Committee,
 Chair of Nurses' Scholarship
 Committee, Chair of Youth Activities
 and Physical Fitness Committee
St. John's United Church of Christ,
Emmaus, Elder and Consistory Member
PIAA Football Official