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Bio

Stuart T. Shmookler focuses his practice in the related areas of business, real estate, and estate planning and administration.

Businesses turn to Stuart for legal counsel about entity choice and formation, transactional work, contracts, business financing, buying and selling businesses, succession and business planning. His 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.

His real estate practice includes individual and business clients who purchase residential, commercial, and investment properties. One of the firm's licensed Pennsylvania Title agents, his services include drafting and review of leases, zoning, real estate financing, title problems, boundary disputes, title insurance, and easements.

As an estate attorney, Stuart helps families plan for the future with the creation of estate documents, guardianships and incapacities, as well as 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 a presenter at the Pennsylvania State Education Association's annual meeting for retirement planning. Also, he has given seminars on 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.

Areas of Practice

- Business
 - Commercial Contracts
 - Corporate General Matters
 - Entity Formations
 - Purchase/Sale/Transfer of a Business
- Estates
 - Elder Law
 - Estate Administration
 - Guardianship and Incapacitated Person
 - Succession Planning
 - Wills, Trusts, POA's
- Real Estate
 - Commercial & Industrial RE Transactions
 - Deed/Title Issues
 - Real Estate Loan Docs
 - Residential Real Estate Transactions
 - Zoning Matters
 - Title Review
 - Real Estate Easements

Education

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

Professional Associations

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Bar Association of Lehigh County, Member and Chair of the Unauthorized Practice Committee; Member of the Fee Dispute Committee
- Estate Planning Council of the Lehigh Valley
- LeTip of the Lehigh Valley, Former Member

Community Involvement

- South Whitehall Township, Public Safety Commission, Member and Former Chairperson
- Cedar Crest College, Past Lecturer of Business Law
- Congregation Kenneseth Israel, Former Member, Board of Trustees; Former Executive Vice President
- Valley Youth House, Former Member and Past President, Board of Directors
- Alton Park Lions Club, Former Member
- Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley, Former Member, Board of Directors
- Temple Shirat Shalom, Founding Member and Former Member, Board of Directors

Presentations

- "Estate Planning for Retirees", PSEA Pre-Retirement Conference, 2010-2018
- "Probate Gone Bad", Gross McGinley Seminar for Accountants, October 2016
- "Do I Want to Be a Fiduciary? Risks vs. Rewards", Gross McGinley, October 2013
- "Confidentiality of Mental Health Records" Lehigh County, Department of Human Services, 2008, 2009, and 2010

Publications

- "Protect Your Clients from Costly Litigation", Gross McGinley Wills, Trusts, and Estates Legal Update, 2013
- "Elder Law: For The Young And Older" Hakol, 2012

Industries

- Manufacturing

Admissions

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