



Rich Sokorai is a Partner at High Swartz LLP. Rich concentrates his practice in trials, appeals and legal advice on behalf of business entities, municipalities and individuals in municipal, commercial, and tort matters. Significant cases that Rich has handled include disputes over control of closely held corporations, franchise disputes, claims for breach of fiduciary duty for both non-profit and for profit corporations, construction disputes, ordinance validity challenges, zoning and land use appeals and large tort cases. Rich has tried cases in state courts, federal courts and boards of view, as well as administrative courts such as the Environmental Hearing Board and the Public Utility Commission.

Rich serves as Township Solicitor for Newtown Township, Delaware County, and has handled special counsel and hearing master roles for multiple municipalities in litigation, zoning and land use matters. Additionally, Rich represents soldiers in military employment and reemployment rights cases and represents individuals in protection from abuse actions. Rich received his B.A. from Temple University and his J.D., cum laude, from Temple University School of Law. Rich is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Education

- Temple University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1997
- Temple University, B.A. Political Science, 1993

Noteworthy Cases

- Chester Upland S.D. v. 103 Commerce Drive, LLC, Cmwlth. Court No. 1272 CD 2022
- Fort Joy Development 2, L.P. v. Newtown Township, Cmwlth Court No. 53 CD 2021
- In Re: Vacation of Paper Mill Road, Newtown Township, Cmwlth Court No. 701 CD 2017

Professional Affiliations

- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member, 2003-present
- Montgomery Bar Association, Member, 2003-present
- Montgomery Bar Association, Trial Lawyer Section, Member, 2003-present
- Montgomery Bar Association, Fee Dispute Committee, Chair, 2017-2018
- Delaware County Bar Association, Member 2011-present
- United States Armor Association, 1997-present
- Pennsylvania National Guard Association, 1989-present

Honors & Awards

- Main Line Today Top Attorney, 2018, 2019, 2021-present
- Best Lawyers in America®, 2018-present
- Selected to Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, 2020-present

Civic & Community Activities

- Montgomery County Legal Access Project - Protection from Abuse Cases

Military Service

- Rich retired from the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in 2001 after 31 year of service, initially as a cavalryman for 18 years before joining Judge Advocate General Corps in 2007. Rich retired as a Lieutenant Colonel and still represents soldiers in military and military related matters.



Areas of Practice

- Litigation
- Contract & Business Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Franchise Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Municipal & Government Law
- Municipal Litigation
- Solicitor Services
- Zoning and Land Development
- Environmental Law
- Will & Trust Litigation
- Employment and Labor Law
- Personal Injury

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 1997
- New Jersey, 1997
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1998
- U.S. District Court District of New Jersey, 1998
- U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit, 1998