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Areas of Practice

- Environmental Law
- Municipal & Government Law
- Real Estate Law
- Zoning and Land Development
- Litigation
- Eminent Domain
- Real Estate Litigation
- Local Counsel & Expert Testimony
- Pennsylvania Expert Witness Services
- Environmental Issues

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 1982
- New Jersey, 1983
- New York, 2012

Education

- Villanova University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1982
- Rutgers University, B.A., 1979

David J. Brooman has more than three decades experience in zoning and land use development, as well as environmental law. His background includes negotiating creative solutions in complex land use and environmental disputes, during project development and litigation. He has also counseled public and private companies, developers and lenders, and municipal governments on the business risks and economic impacts of federal, state and local land use and environmental regulations. Brooman is well-versed in crisis management and controversial land uses.

Brooman's engagements include serving as special environmental and land use counsel to a Pennsylvania municipality in its acquisition and redevelopment of a former 209-acre abandoned state mental hospital complex, resulting in a public/private partnership with 40 acres sold for private development (100 carriage houses and 198 age-restricted condominiums) and 169 acres retained by the municipality for recreational and open space. In addition, Brooman spearheaded a public/private partnership to acquire and develop the former 114-acre Philadelphia Naval Shipyard for use as a state-of-the-art commercial ship building operation for an international shipbuilder.

Most recently, David worked with a municipality, two regional and one national developer, to redevelop an abandoned historic property. The public/private partnership resulted in 32 new carriage homes, 72 townhomes and 250 senior living apartments with memory care. The development will restore and maintain the perpetuity of a late 1800's Castle, built to resemble Windsor Castle, two gatehouses, perimeter walls, and a gazebo, among many other important historic assets. The redevelopment also will have several significant environmental benefits.

Professional Affiliations

- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member, 1982-present
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Environmental and Energy and Law Sections, Member, 1982-present
- New York Bar Association, Member, 2012-present
- Philadelphia Bar Association, Member, 1982-present
- Montgomery Bar Association, Member, 2014-present
- Montgomery Bar Association, Environmental & Energy Law Committee, Chair, 2018
- Pennsylvania Resources Council, Member

Honors & Awards

- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Super Lawyers List, 2019
- Best Lawyers in America, 2018-present
- Main Line Today, Top Attorney, 2018-present

Civic & Community Activities

- Montgomery Child Advocacy Project, Child Advocate, 2014-present
- The Support Center for Child Advocates, Child Advocate, 1984-2012