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Areas of Practice

- Real Estate Law
- Affordable Housing
- Zoning and Land Development
- Real Estate Taxation
- Eminent Domain
- Financing and Deal Structuring
- Condominiums & Planned Communities
- Commercial Leasing
- Municipal & Government Law
- Solicitor Services

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 1992

Education

- Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law, J.D., cum laude
- Rutgers University, M.S. City and Regional Planning, with honors
- Delaware Valley College, B.S.

William F. Kerr, Jr. has a breadth of experience in the area of real estate law, focusing on land use, land development and zoning; real estate taxation; real estate sale and leasing transactions; real estate title issues; eminent domain; real estate valuation; and real estate code compliance. He was previously an Associate and a Partner in the Philadelphia office of Blank Rome LLP.

Mr. Kerr has represented developers, property managers and property owners of single and multi-family residential, hotel, shopping center, commercial, industrial, golf course, day-care, prison, utility, cell tower and airport properties. He has successfully represented these clients throughout eastern Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia, in a variety of real estate matters and transactions. He has assisted clients in obtaining various development, subdivision, zoning, and related approvals and in a variety of sale and leasing transactions. Mr. Kerr also has extensive experience in successfully pursuing real estate tax assessment appeals, nonprofit real estate tax exemptions, Act 319 Agricultural Assessments and real estate tax abatements.

Additionally, Mr. Kerr represents numerous Pennsylvania affordable housing developers, owners and managers in various aspects of the affordable housing development process, including properties financed with Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits. He has significant expertise in real estate tax assessment issues for affordable housing properties, and was part of the affordable housing industry group that successfully pursued an amendment to Pennsylvania's assessment law as it affects affordable housing.

Mr. Kerr has represented property owners in a variety of eminent domain matters, as well as with easement, restrictive covenant, real estate title, green building, and storm water issues. He also has significant experience in the area of real estate valuation.

Bill also serves as a Zoning Board Solicitor, and has experience as special zoning and development counsel to a number of southeastern Pennsylvania municipalities.

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Member, 2010-present
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member, 1992-present
- Philadelphia Bar Association, Member, 2009-present
- Montgomery County Bar Association, Member, 2009-present
- Montgomery County Bar Association, Real Estate Law Committee, Member, 2009-present
- Pennsylvania Housing Alliance Sponsorship Committee, Member, 2013-present
- Pennsylvania Developers Council, Member, 2015-present

Honors & Awards

- Best Lawyers in America, 2018-present
- Main Line Today, Top Attorney, 2018-present

Civic & Community Activities

- Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties, Inc., Board of Directors, 2018
- Face to Face Germantown, 2017-present
- Corpus Christi Parish, Pastoral Council Member, 2009-present
- Harleysville Baseball, Youth Baseball Coach, 2005-2015
- Harleysville Baseball, Board Member and League Commissioner, 2012-2015