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Thomas E. Panzer's practice areas focus on administrative litigation, including zoning and land use and workers' compensation. Mr. Panzer has represented multiple zoning hearing boards over the past 30 years. He also represents both claimants and defendants, including insurance carriers, third-party administrators, Pennsylvania self-insureds, and PA uninsured employers in workers' compensation matters. He is a frequent lecturer on Pennsylvania workers' compensation topics.

Panzer joined the law firm in 2016 due to a merger with McNamara, Bolla & Panzer, Attorneys at Law, a firm for which he served as Managing Partner. Tom has been practicing law in southeastern Pennsylvania for close to 30 years.

In addition to law practice, he counsels in community activities concerning zoning, municipal issues, land reuse, and politics. Panzer recently served a four-year term as Bucks County Treasurer, served two terms as a Warminster Township, Bucks County, Supervisor, and a full five-year term as an appointed member of the Warminster Municipal Authority Board of Directors.

He currently serves as Solicitor to Zoning Hearing Boards for Bedminster, Bensalem, Doylestown, Milford, New Hope Borough, Upper Southampton Township, Warrington, and Wrightstown Township. He is also the Conflict Solicitor for the Lower Southampton Township Zoning Hearing Board and the UCC Solicitor & Special Counsel to Tobyhanna Township. Previously, Panzer served as Solicitor to Middletown Township and Warwick Township Zoning Hearing Boards and Borough Solicitor for Newtown Borough.

Panzer has also contributed his time and energy to the MS 150 City to Shore Bike Ride with Team Ox Cycling. He participates in the Ben to Shore charity ride with the Bucks Heroes team for Families Behind the Badge Children's Foundation. Tom has served as the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Light the Night, Bucks County Corporate Walk co-chair. He has also served as a volunteer member of the Board of Directors of non-profit entities, including Wesley Enhanced Living and Growth Opportunities Center.

Professional Affiliations

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
 - Member, Board of Directors
 - Member, Workers' Compensation and Municipal Law Sections
 - House of Delegates, 2009–2012
- Philadelphia Bar Association
 - Member, Workers' Compensation Section
 - Co-chair, Workers' Compensation Legislation Committee, 1996–1997
- Bucks County Bar Association
 - Member, Workers' Compensation Section
 - Co-chair, Workers' Compensation Section, 2005–2008 & 2016-2017
 - Board of Directors, 2009-2012, 2018-2021
- Bucks County Inns of Court
- Military Installation Remediation and Infrastructure Authority | Horsham Township, Secretary, 2020-present
- Bucks County SPCA - Board of Directors, 2020

Presentations

- What you Must Know About Personal Injury & Workers' Compensation, Bucks Bar 2021
- Recent Developments & Workers' Compensation Case Law Update, Bucks Bar 2020
- Zoning for Every Use in Municipalities, PA Association of Zoning Officials (PAAZO), 2019
- Interplay between Workers' Compensation and Heart & Lung Claims, Bucks Bar 2017



Areas of Practice

- Municipal & Government Law
- Municipal Litigation
- Solicitor Services
- Litigation
- Zoning and Land Development
- Workers' Compensation Defense
- Workers' Compensation for Injured Workers

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 1993

Education

- J.D., Widener University School of Law, 1993
- B.S., Computer Information Systems, Tulane University, 1987

Honors

- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Best Lawyers in America®, Workers' Compensation - Claimants, 2018-present
- Super Lawyers List - 2019-present
- 5-Star Attorney, Suburban Life Magazine, 2022-present
- Top Attorney, Main Line Today, 2019, 2021-present

