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PRACTICE AREAS

Real Estate
Zoning & Land Use

INDUSTRIES

Real Estate Development & Investment

EDUCATION

George Mason University
School of Law, J.D., 2012
Kutztown University of
Pennsylvania, B.A., *summa cum
laude*, 2009

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Virginia, 2012
Virginia Supreme Court

Matthew Roberts is a shareholder at Bean, Kinney & Korman. His practice focuses on land use and zoning, administrative and municipal law, public utilities, and real estate transactions.

Matt represents and advises clients in land use and zoning, permitting, utility, and site plan and subdivision matters throughout Northern Virginia, including Arlington County, Fairfax County, the City of Alexandria, the City of Fairfax, Prince William County, and Loudoun County. He appears frequently before local boards and planning commissions on behalf of landowners to prosecute rezoning, special exception, and similar entitlement matters. Matt also regularly represents clients during the site plan and subdivision process, particularly in the drafting and negotiation of subdivision and easement agreements between landowners and various city, county and public utility authorities.

As part of his land use and utilities practice, Matt works directly with his clients on real estate transactions involving the purchase or sale of property. He also regularly drafts and negotiates development and easement agreements related to project development.

Matt also has extensive experience in the area of administrative, local government, and municipal law. Currently, he serves as associate counsel to a Northern Virginia water and waste authority. Prior to joining the firm, Matt served as a law clerk in multiple local government offices, including the Fairfax County Attorney's Office and the City of Alexandria Attorney's Office.

Honors

Arlington Magazine, Top Attorney - Land Use/Zoning, 2019

Virginia Super Lawyers, Rising Star in Land Use/Zoning, 2015, 2019, 2020

Washington D.C. Super Lawyers, Rising Star in Land Use/Zoning, 2019, 2020

Experience

- Associate counsel to Northern Virginia water and waste authority.
- Approval of Braddock Gateway, Phases II & III for over 600 new multifamily units with ground floor retail in the City of Alexandria's Braddock neighborhood.
- Lead counsel for approval of 1555 Wilson Boulevard, including rezoning and 4.1 Site Plan special exception applications to permit 1.2 million square feet of mixed-use residential and retail development in Arlington's West Rosslyn neighborhood.
- Lead counsel for approval of 6711 Lee Highway, including rezoning and 4.1 Site Plan special exception applications to permit 27 new town homes along Lee Highway in Arlington's East Falls Church neighborhood.
- Approval of 2025 Clarendon Boulevard 4.1 Site Plan special exception application, rezoning and General Land Use Plan amendment in Arlington County, Virginia, for 195,000 square feet of mixed-use office and ground floor retail building in Courthouse neighborhood.
- Approval of Clarendon West 4.1 Site Plan special exception application in Arlington County, Virginia, for 580,000 square feet of mixed-use multi-phase development in Clarendon neighborhood, including 580 multi-family residential units and ground floor retail.
- Approval of Proffer Condition Amendment and Special Use Permit applications in Prince William County, Virginia for over 151,000 square feet of self-storage facility use.

Published Articles

Arlington County Board Unanimously Approves Clarendon West
BKK Construction & Land Use Newsletter, December 2015

Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign (Ordinance): Reed v. Town of Gilbert, the First Amendment and Signs
BKK Construction & Land Use Newsletter, September 2015

Fairfax County's Plans for the Route 1 Corridor
BKK Construction & Land Use Newsletter, June 2015

Arlington's New Take on Density Exclusions
BKK Construction & Land Use Newsletter, March 2015

Arlington's New LEED Standards
BKK Construction & Land Use Newsletter, December 2014

Look! Up in the Sky! It's a...Plane!: Proposed FAA Policy Could Affect Building Heights
BKK Construction & Land Use Newsletter, June 2014

I Know My (Vested) Rights! Developing a Project in a Changing Climate
BKK Construction & Land Use Newsletter, March 2014

Saying What You Mean and Meaning What You Say: Collecting Cash Proffers for Residential Development
Virginia Real Estate, Land Use & Construction Law Blog, January 22, 2014

Much Ado About Subdivision: Building on a Subdivided Lot When the Locality Never Approved the Subdivision Plat
Virginia Real Estate, Land Use & Construction Law Blog, January 6, 2014

Searching for the Escape Hatch: The Variance
BKK Construction & Land Use Newsletter, December 3, 2013

Of Boats, Dining, and Zoning: Virginia Supreme Court Decides Old Dominion Boat Club v. Alexandria City Council
Virginia Real Estate, Land Use & Construction Law Blog, November 1, 2013

Newberry Station: Political Contributions vs. Political Realities
BKK Construction & Land Use Newsletter, September 2013

Sansotta v. Town of Nags Head: Localities Cannot Manipulate the Litigation Process to Avoid Taking Claims
Virginia Real Estate, Land Use & Construction Law Blog, July 27, 2013

What the SCOTUS Opinion in *Koontz v. St. Johns River Water Management District* Means for Virginia Property Owners
Virginia Real Estate, Land Use & Construction Law Blog, June 25, 2013

Zoning Ordinance Revisions Affecting Arlington County's By-Right Outdoor Cafés
BKK Construction & Land Use Newsletter, June 2013

Speaking Engagements

Future of Arlington County
Arlington, VA, November 14, 2019

Introduction to Zoning, NAIOP Northern Virginia Chapter
January 23, 2018

Transferable Development Rights - What They Are and Why You Need to Know
Bean, Kinney & Korman, January 27, 2017

News

2020 Super Lawyers
May 7, 2020

Twenty-six Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as Top Attorneys by *Arlington Magazine*
October 18, 2019

2019 Super Lawyers
April 18, 2019

Matthew Roberts Named Shareholder of Bean, Kinney & Korman, P.C.
January 5, 2018

Twelve Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as 2015 Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
April 9, 2015

Matthew Roberts interviewed in "Could Supreme Court ruling affect local proffer policies?"
Charlottesville Tomorrow, July 22, 2013

Matthew Roberts Joins Firm as a Land Use & Zoning Attorney
May 7, 2013

Professional & Community Affiliations

NAIOP, Northern Virginia, Co-Chair - Arlington County Government Relations Sub-Committee

Northern Virginia Building Industry Association

Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, Board Member

Virginia Bar Association

Beyond the Suit

When he isn't deep into Virginia zoning laws, Matt enjoys cooking, playing the drums, weight training and spending time with his wife and cat.