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Stephen's broad representative background allows him to understand the individual, unique needs of each client and work to deliver solutions in their respective matters. His career has afforded him the great opportunity to represent many different clients including *Fortune* 500 companies, public utilities, financial institutions, small businesses, entrepreneurs, developers, government entities, religious intuitions, ethnic grocery stores, schools, nonprofits, neighborhood groups, and homeowners and condominium associations.

Stephen concentrates his practice on environmental and energy matters. Stephen assists clients with:

- Negotiating environmental issues in complex U.S. and international transactions.
- Remediating contaminated property under federal and state environmental programs.
- Complying with environmental permits.
- Developing renewable energy projects.
- Defending against environmental liability suits in state and federal court.

Before joining Blank Rome, Stephen practiced with a Pittsburgh-area real estate law firm, where he focused on real estate, zoning, land use, and other transactional and litigation matters.

During law school, Stephen received a focus of study certificate in environmental law and policy and represented the University of Pittsburgh at the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition. Stephen completed internships with the Pitt Law Environmental Law Clinic and the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh. Also, Stephen was a legal extern for President Judge Emeritus Kate Ford Elliott of the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

Earlier in his career, Stephen was a policy manager for the Mayor's Office of the City of Pittsburgh, where he worked with government, nonprofit, business, school district, and community stakeholders to improve educational outcomes for students, enhance neighborhood development initiatives, and reduce crime.

Outside The Firm

Stephen has participated in numerous leadership programs and volunteer activities. He was part of both the Allegheny County Bar Association's and Leadership Pittsburgh's Leadership Development Initiatives.

A two-sport athlete in college, Stephen was a two-year starter on the football team, earning *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District distinction, and was a captain of the track and field team. Stephen currently volunteers for his local YMCA and is a member of its Property Committee.

Stephen lives outside of Philadelphia with his wife and two kids. Although he now lives in Philadelphia, Stephen is true to his Pittsburgh roots and maintains his avid Pittsburgh sports allegiances.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court - Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Western District of Pennsylvania

Education

- The College of Wooster, BA, cum laude
- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, JD, cum laude

Recognitions

2021–2022, Ones to Watch, Environmental Law, listed in *Best Lawyers in America*©

Professional Activities

Stephen is a member of the 2020 cohort of the Environmental Law Institute's

Emerging Leaders Initiative, which was formed to connect, support, and foster dialogue amongst the next generation of rising stars in environmental law and policy. The Emerging Leaders are a diverse group selected from across the country and from a variety of practices to further bring together those who will shape the future of environmental law and policy.