Matthew J. McClelland

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OVERVIEW

Matt is a Partner in WH Burkley's Real Estate Group, where he advises clients across all stages of real estate transactions, including acquisition, development, divestiture, land use, and zoning matters. Matt also represents both landlords and tenants in leasing matters spanning retail centers, industrial and office assets. He is known for his practical, business-focused approach — helping clients navigate challenges efficiently while keeping transactions aligned with their strategic objectives.

In addition to his real estate practice, Matt regularly advises clients on commercial and corporate matters and general corporate transactions, including the acquisition, disposition, and exchange of businesses and assets. He regularly drafts and negotiates contracts tailored to diverse business needs, and counsels clients on corporate formation, governance, risk management, and day-to-day operational issues that help support long-term growth. As part of his broader practice, Matt serves as outside general counsel to businesses and organizations, providing principals and executives clear, practical advice on day?to?day legal and business challenges.

Matt also maintains a robust oil and gas practice, advising on title rights, title curative matters, and the leasing and conveyance of mineral interests.

RECOGNITION

- *Best Lawyers* – Real Estate Law "Ones to Watch" | 2024 – present
- *Best Lawyers* – Oil and Gas Law "Ones to Watch" | 2024 – present

ASSOCIATIONS

- Allegheny County Bar Association | Member
  - Chair, Real Property Section | July 2026 – present
  - Treasurer, Young Lawyers Division | July 2023 – June 2024
  - Graduate, Young Lawyers Division Bar Leadership Initiative
- NAIOP Pittsburgh | Member
- Urban Land Institute | Member

EDUCATION

- Penn State University, B.S., Management
- Duquesne University School of Law, J.D.

FOCUS

- Oil & Gas
- Oil & Gas Leasing & Land Use
- Real Estate

NEWS

- WH Burkley Elects Peggy VanRumppe, and Matthew McClelland to the Partnership

LICENSED

- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

OFFICE

- Pittsburgh