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For over 40 years, David A. Severn has been a trusted advisor and advocate for real estate owners, developers, builders, brokers, and lenders in navigating the complexities of commercial and industrial projects throughout Frederick County, Maryland. From contract negotiations to final closing, David's expertise ensures a smooth and successful transaction for his clients.

David regularly represents clients in zoning and land use proceedings, appearing before various planning commissions, boards of appeal, and legislative bodies within Frederick County and its municipalities. His guidance through the development entitlement and permitting process is invaluable, ensuring compliance and efficiency. With a deep understanding of commercial real estate closings, title examinations, and the resolution of title defects, David's role as lead counsel on numerous large and complex real estate development projects demonstrates his unique capabilities and dedication.

Additionally, David serves as legal counsel for the Town of Walkersville and the City of Brunswick, advising on municipal, real estate, and land use issues.

Education

- University of Baltimore School of Law (J.D.)
- McDaniel College (B.A., *cum laude*)

State Bar Admissions

- Maryland

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Maryland
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland

Professional Affiliations

- Maryland Economic Development Commission, Member

Services

- Business Law and Transactions
- Real Estate Law and Transactions
- Land Use and Zoning

- Land Use Council, Frederick County Builders Association, Member and Past Director
- Golden Mile Alliance, Director
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Frederick County Bar Association

Recognitions

- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2023-2026)

Representative Matters

- Quantum Loophole Inc.'s \$158.5 million sale of 150 acres to Rowan Digital Infrastructure in Frederick County, MD.
- The pioneering acquisition and development of a groundbreaking, sustainable gigawatt data center community by Quantum Loophole, Inc. and TPG Real Estate Partners on a 2,100-acre site in Frederick County, MD.
- Carroll Creek Linear Park, an innovative mixed-use public-private partnership for the re-development of historic downtown Frederick.
- "Market Square," the inaugural mixed-use commercial, employment, and residential community in the City of Frederick.
- South Street Center Affordable Housing Re-development Project in the City of Frederick.
- Adaptive reuse of land for the Daughters of Charity Senior Housing project in Emmitsburg, MD.
- District 40's re-development of the former Fredericktowne Mall on the Golden Mile in the City of Frederick.

Publications & News

August 21, 2025

98 Offit Kurman Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch Lists

June 18, 2024

Offit Kurman Closes Sale Transaction for Quantum Loophole in Frederick County

October 16, 2023

David Severn Appointed to the Trial Court Judicial Nominating Commission for District 10

October 13, 2023

David Severn Featured in The Frederick News-Post's Article on Possible Development Moratorium

Featured Works

Publications

- Co-writer of the City of Cumberland, Maryland Zoning Ordinance

Speaking Engagements

- MSBA Land Use Institute Committee Panel Member on Solar Facilities
- Guest speaker on zoning and land use law for the Maryland Chapter of the American Planning Association/Maryland Association of Zoning Officials, the Maryland Citizen Planners' Association, the Maryland Municipal League and the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties