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David is a seasoned trial lawyer and effective negotiator. He has a national practice that centers on eminent domain, real estate tax appeals and real estate valuation litigation.

Over the past three decades, David has secured a steady string of multimillion-dollar verdicts, awards and settlements in high-stakes and high-profile cases. His reputation as a litigator was recognized with his induction into the American College of Trial Lawyers, a highly selective, invitation-only membership that is particularly rare for those in his field. David served as Co-Chair of the Real Estate Valuation and Eminent Domain practice groups.

### Representative Matters

In state and federal courts and before a variety of forums, David has\*:

- Obtained a \$23.5 million Philadelphia Board of View award (PennDOT claim was \$6.75 million).
- Secured a \$16.5 million settlement for the condemnation of a loft/conversion building (the condemner's initial offer was \$10 million).
- Negotiated a \$205 million settlement for the seller of an office building in Las Vegas in litigation to determine the property's fair market value.
- Obtained a \$32 million reduction of the assessed value of an office (from \$49 million to \$16.7 million).
- Negotiated a \$1.7 million settlement for a national automotive parts and service company for the condemnation of its property in Houston (TXDOT initially offered nothing for the taking).
- Won a \$2.3 million jury verdict in Bucks County for property owner, which was the exact amount we submitted.
- Won a \$1.25 million jury verdict in York County for property owner, which was the exact amount we submitted (RDA claim was \$65,000).
- Defeated the partial taking of a farm in Erie, PA.
- Established de facto/inverse condemnation of planned condominium project after a two-day hearing.

\*Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.

### Services

- Litigation
- Eminent Domain/Condemnation
- Valuation Law
- Property Tax

- Real Estate Litigation

## Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to law school, David worked in politics and nonprofit fundraising, including the successful re-election campaigns of former U.S. Sen. John Heinz and former U.S. Rep. R. Lawrence Coughlin. As a law student, David was the Associate Managing Editor of the *Temple Law Review*.

## Beyond Fox Rothschild

David has lectured on real estate and eminent domain-related issues nationally, including at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the Appraisal Institute. His comments have been published in national media outlets including: CNN/Money.com, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *The National Law Journal*, *Philadelphia Business Journal*, *The Bond Buyer*, *The New York Law Journal*, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, *The Texas Lawyer*.

David has also discussed condemnation topics on the nationally syndicated *Mitch Albom Show* and various radio stations.

After co-authoring several annual supplements to the Pennsylvania treatise on condemnation law, *Snitzer on Eminent Domain Law*, David and his colleagues co-authored a complete revision to the treatise.

He has also written articles for several industry and government publications including those for the Appraisal Institute, the Mortgage Bankers Association, the National Association of Home Builders, the Pennsylvania Planning Association and the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities.

## Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

## Education

- Temple University School of Law (J.D., 1988)
- Emory University (B.A., 1983)

## Memberships

- American College of Trial Lawyers
- American Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Affiliate Member, Appraisal Institute

## Honors & Awards

- **Selected to "2022 Northeast Top Verdicts & Settlements" list by *The Legal Intelligencer* (2023)**
- **Selected to the "Local Litigation Stars" list in Pennsylvania by *Benchmark Litigation* (2018-2024)**  
*This award is conferred by Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC. A description of the selection methodology is [available](#).*

*here*. No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

- **Selected to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law in Philadelphia (2017-2023)**  
*This award is conferred by Best Lawyers. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.*
- **Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers**

## News

October 6, 2023

**Benchmark USA Highlights Fox Rothschild Attorneys Nationwide**

June 20, 2023

**2022 Northeast Top Verdicts and Settlements**

October 24, 2022

**Court Rules for Zehr Family in Montgomery Township Eminent Domain Case**

October 17, 2022

**\$5.85 Million Verdict for Montco Family in Eminent Domain Case**

October 13, 2022

**Jury Returns \$5.85M Verdict to Family in 12-Year Eminent Domain Dispute**

October 13, 2022

**Fox Rothschild Wins Jury Verdict Worth \$7.5 Million in Eminent Domain Dispute**

October 3, 2022

**Fox Attorneys Selected to "Local Litigation Stars" List by Benchmark Litigation**

October 1, 2021

**Fox Attorneys Selected to "Local Litigation Stars" List by Benchmark Litigation**

November 9, 2020

**Fox Attorneys Selected to "Local Litigation Stars" List by Benchmark Litigation**

October 20, 2020

**People in the News**

September 28, 2020

**David Snyder Inducted Into American College of Trial Lawyers**

August 20, 2020

**More Than 200 Fox Attorneys Selected to the List of "Best Lawyers in America"**

September 30, 2019

**Benchmark Selects Fox Attorneys to Its Annual "Local Litigation Stars" List**

August 15, 2019

**176 Fox Attorneys Selected to the 2020 List of Best Lawyers in America**

August 15, 2018

**115 Fox Attorneys Selected to List of Best Lawyers 2019**

March 14, 2018

**\$1.25M Award for Old York County Prison Stands. What's Next?**

December 4, 2017

**Largest Awards and Settlements**

August 15, 2017

**More Than 100 Fox Attorneys Selected to the 2018 List of "Best Lawyers in America"**

February 23, 2017

**Turnpike Commission Must Pay \$2.3 Million for Would-Be Hotel**

February 17, 2017

**Bensalem Couple Gambles and Wins \$2.3M Settlement Over Land Taken for Turnpike Project**

January 26, 2017

**Authority Must Pay \$1.25 Million for Condemned Property**

January 14, 2017

**Judge: \$1.25 Million Award OK for Old York County Prison**

August 15, 2016

**91 Fox Attorneys Selected to List of 'Best Lawyers' for 2017**

July 22, 2016

**David Snyder Wins \$1.25 Million Verdict in Eminent Domain Suit Against York City RDA**

July 21, 2016

**Jury: Authority Owes Family \$1.25M for Seizing Old York County Prison Site**

July 21, 2016

**Jury: York Redevelopment Authority Must Pay \$1.25M for Former Prison Site**

July 21, 2016

**Owners of Old Prison Win Million-Dollar Decision**

July 21, 2016

**Eminent-Domain Case Sets City Back \$1.25 Million**

July 14, 2014

**'De Facto' Land Taking Could Cost Phila. Dearly Later**

November 22, 2013

**Artist's Fight To Save Studio Space from Philly Takeover Is Work In Progress**

July 10, 2013

**Legal Experts Abuzz about Court's Decision on Lower Makefield Farm**

July 5, 2013

**Eminent Domain Battle Heats Up in Kensington**

February 26, 2013

**\$500M Drilling Deal for Pittsburgh Airport Riles Nearby Residents**

July 7, 2012

**Greco Takes Dispute to Court**

April 17, 2012

**Judge Rules PennDOT Highway Plans Were De Facto Taking**

March 14, 2012

**People in the News**

February 28, 2012

**Fox Rothschild Attorneys Author Treatise on Eminent Domain Law**

July 23, 2011

**Land Sale Raises Thorny Issue**

April 14, 2011

**Haverford Appeals Millions Owed for Bubble Gum Factory**

March 17, 2011

**Value of Plot Haverford Bought Is Disputed**

March 16, 2011

**Haverford Facing a Sticky Situation Over Gum Factory**

March 1, 2011

**People**

February 24, 2011

**Hockey Arena No Sure Thing**

December 7, 2010

**David Snyder Presented at 14th Annual PBI Real Estate Institute**

October 13, 2010

**Delay Doesn't Stop Progress**

September 29, 2010

**Eminent Domain Lawyers Say Work Is Picking Up**

September 29, 2010

**Jury Awards Shopping Center Owner \$1.6 Million in N.J. Eminent Domain Case**

September 23, 2010

**Verdict Drives Up Land Price**

September 21, 2010

**NJ Jury: State Owes Marlton Circle Landlord \$1.6M**

September 21, 2010

**Marlton Crossing Owner Awarded \$1.6 Million**

May 17, 2010

**David B. Snyder Selected to the List of Eminent Domain "Super Lawyers" by Corporate Counsel**

June 1, 2009

**David B. Snyder Selected to the list of "Super Lawyers" for Eminent Domain**

December 19, 2007

**PennDOT's Plans May Mean Luncheonette's End**

October 29, 2007

**Fox Rothschild's Business Litigation Practice Capitalizes on Growth, Talent and Value**

October 29, 2007

**Outlook Philadelphia**

July 8, 2005

**States addressing eminent domain ruling**

June 28, 2005

**Takings hat trick - In three cases, Rehnquist Court takes an abrupt change of direction in property rights cases**

June 27, 2005

**Court's Takings Hat Trick, In 3 cases, justices deny challenges**

June 27, 2005

**Court Lets Fly Wrecker's Ball at Property Rights**

June 27, 2005

**High Court Backs 'Taking' That Aids Private Business**

June 24, 2005

**Eminent-Domain Ruling Dismays NJ, PA Owners in Bulldozers' Path**

June 24, 2005

**Property Seizure Widened**

June 24, 2005

**Court Upholds Eminent Domain - Property rights movement suffers narrow defeat**

June 24, 2005

**High Court Allows Private Property Seizure**

June 24, 2005

**Narrow Ruling OKs Land Seizure - Supreme Court: Eminent domain can be used for private development**

June 24, 2005

**Local application possible**

June 24, 2005

**Property Seizure Widened**

June 24, 2005

**As Term Winds Down, High Court Deals Blow to Property Rights**

June 24, 2005

**Private property can be seized by cities for use by developers**

June 24, 2005

**High Court OKs Eminent Domain, 5 - 4; Connecticut Ruling Upheld by Justices**

June 24, 2005

**High court eases rules for taking private land - Dissenting justice calls ruling blow to property rights**

June 23, 2005

**Governments can seize private land, high court rules**

## **Publications**

2012, 2014, 2016-2018

**Pennsylvania Eminent Domain Treatise**

2001-2011

**Cumulative Supplements to Snitzer on Pennsylvania Eminent Domain**

May 22, 2008

**Real estate brokers are now permitted to testify as experts**

*Mid Atlantic Real Estate Journal*

June 14, 2007

**N.J. High Court Toughens Rules on Seizing Property**

*Philadelphia Inquirer*

April 12, 2007

**Med School Land Battle Intensifies**

*The Times-Tribune*

2001-2007

**Annual Supplements to Eminent Domain Law**

*Eminent Domain Law*

January 2007

**Rebuilding Trust**

*Harrisburg Magazine*

November 13, 2006

**Election '06 Eminent domain takes a big hit**

*The National Law Journal*

August 4, 2006

**Contra Kelo Ohio High Court Rejects U.S. Supreme Court's Rationale on Eminent Domain**

*ABA Journal Report*

September 1, 2005

**High Court Grants Eminent Domain, State Revolts**

*Pennsylvania Law Weekly / The Legal Intelligencer*

2005

**David B. Snyder Writes for The Legal Intelligencer and the Pennsylvania Law Weekly**

*The Legal Intelligencer and the Pennsylvania Law Weekly*

## Events

August 27, 2012

**Eminent Domain Takings in Pennsylvania**

*PBI Professional Development Conference Center*

March 14, 2012

**Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Seminar**

*University of Pennsylvania*

December 2, 2010

**'Just Compensation' in Eminent Domain Cases**

*Pennsylvania Convention Center*

March 25, 2010

**Land Use Institute 2010**

June 11, 2009

**The Government's 'Right to Take' in Pennsylvania – Procedures, Challenges & Practical Tips**

April 1, 2006

**Understanding How Eminent Domain Works in Pennsylvania**