

Maureen E. Dwyer

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Maureen Dwyer is a zoning, permitting and land use lawyer. She counsels clients through the development of new corporate, mixed-use retail, hospitality, institutional and office facilities, as well as residential properties.

Maureen has significant experience in negotiating public-private partnerships. She also has a proven reputation and long-standing history in the growth and development of the Washington community.

Acknowledged by *Chambers USA*, Maureen is "singled out for her expertise in zoning, commercial real estate and working with government in DC and beyond" and "clients recognize Maureen Dwyer as one of the top zoning attorneys in the city." Sources at *Chambers USA* add that she is "helpful and business-oriented, a great person and a very good lawyer.... who is good at identifying the issues and developing a strategy to overcome them. She gets the work done very well and on time. She is very effective."

Prior to joining the firm, Maureen served as Managing Partner in the DC office of an Am Law 100 firm.

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use, District of Columbia, 2018 - 2020 (Band 2)
- Super Lawyers, Washington DC, 2019 - 2020
- *Best Lawyers in America*® (2009-2021): Land Use and Zoning, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Litigation – Real Estate
- Washingtonian's Top Lawyers in Washington, D.C., 2017
- Bisnow's Power Series Women of Influence in Washington, D.C. Commercial Real Estate, 2017
- Best Lawyers, Washington DC Litigation – Land Use and Zoning Lawyer of the Year, 2017
- "America's Leading Business Lawyers," *Chambers USA* 2009-2016

- Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rated AV Preeminent™
- Martindale Hubbell™ Top Rated Lawyer in 'Land Use And Zoning', 2013
- Nominated for Real Estate Lawyer of the Year, Chambers USA 'Women in Law' Awards, 2011
- "Stars of the Bar," Biennial List of Washington's Best Lawyers, *The Washingtonian*, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015
- Bisnow Media, "D.C.'s Power Women in Commercial Real Estate," 2014
- District of Columbia Super Lawyer, 2007 - 2017
- Super Lawyers, Washington DC: The Top 50 Women, 2011
- Top Women Lawyers in the Northeast, Real Estate, Martindale Hubbell, 2011
- Legal 500 US Directory, 2009

Affiliations

- Fellow, American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL)
- Member & Former President, Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW)
- Advisory Council, Girl Scout Council of DC
- Member and former Chair of the Advisory Board, Salvation Army
- Past Chair, Eugene and Agnes Meyer Foundation
- Federal City Council
- Greater Washington Board of Trade
- Urban Land Institute
- DC Chamber of Commerce
- DC Building Industry Association (DCBIA)
- Economic Club
- Former Adjunct Professor, American University, Washington College of Law, lectured on both administrative and land use law.

Admissions

- District of Columbia

Education

- Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law (J.D., 1978)
- Smith College (B.A., 1973)

Representative Matters

George Washington University Mixed Use Development of Campus

Representation of George Washington University in the mixed use development of its campus including the Square 54 project with Boston Properties and the new School of Public Health on Washington Circle.

Trinity University Development of Campus

Representation of Trinity University in the development of its campus located one block from McMillan Reservoir.

The Rockefeller Development Group Purchase of Office Buildings

Representation of The Rockefeller Development Group in its purchase of two office buildings in D.C.

Real Estate Matters for Developers, Investors, Owners, Institutions, Foundations and Individuals

Represents real estate developers and investors, corporate owners, institutions, foundations and individuals, while placing a particular emphasis on representing private colleges and universities in Washington, D.C.

Site Selection and Acquisition Through Land Use

Expertise on site selection and initial acquisition through land use, historic preservation, environmental, and building code approval process, including litigation and appellate work.

Representing Clients before District and Federal Agencies Involved in Land Use

Experience representing clients before the DC Council, the DC Zoning Commission, the Board of Zoning Adjustment, the Historic Preservation Review Board, the Mayor's Agent for Historic Preservation, the Commission of Fine Arts and other district and federal agencies involved in land use matters.

Publications

August 2015

Major Changes to District of Columbia Zoning Regulations

Community

Maureen generously volunteers time to provide pro bono services to organizations across the District of Columbia. Specifically, she analyzed the development potential of property owned by Martha's Table, a non-profit dedicated to fulfilling the needs of low-income and homeless families.

She also spent many years helping the Samaritan Inns to win zoning approvals in Washington DC, and provided pro bono zoning work for the 11th Street Bridge Park project in Ward 8.