Edward M. Wild

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MEET ED

> *"That my job is to try and accomplish what you are seeking."*
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> **— Edward M. Wild**

Ed is a partner in Obermayer's Business & Finance Department, with a practice focusing on real estate, land development, zoning, subdivision, and general litigation. He represents a diverse range of clients, including developers, property owners, telecommunications providers, automobile dealerships, national healthcare providers, management companies, and residential homeowners in land use and business litigation matters. Ed has served as counsel to a Construction Code Board of Appeals Board.

In his free time, Ed enjoys boating with his family on the Chesapeake Bay and walking in Peace Valley Park. He has coached AAU and CYO basketball and volunteered at his local parish, most recently as Chairman of the Facilities Management Committee. Ed also loves traveling, especially to visit his son in Chile. To avoid embarrassing his son's Chilean family, Ed is working on becoming fluent in Spanish with a multi-year Duolingo streak.

EXPERIENCE

Ed regularly appears before planning commissions, municipal governing bodies, and zoning hearing boards in all types of land use matters. Ed represents clients in connection with securing amendments to zoning ordinances and handles substantive and procedural challenges to the validity of zoning ordinances and litigates land use matters through the Pennsylvania courts, including many appearances before the Commonwealth Court. Ed has secured approvals for developers for shopping centers, automobile dealerships, retail users and for homeowners needing residential approvals.

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Some of Ed's most notable cases include:

- Defended permit appeals that resulted in a brokered Court approved settlement agreement to permit a methadone clinic over opposition involving hundreds of protestants.
- Secured approvals involving telecommunications towers and uses throughout Bucks and Montgomery Counties.
- Prevailed in litigation that asserted agricultural buildings can be built without permits pursuant to the Construction Code Act. *Appeal of Miller,* 81 A. 3d 1087; *appeal den*. 2014 Pa. Lexis 952 (2014).

Some of Ed's more recent cases include:

- Secured a trial verdict for adverse possession over a disputed parcel of land. *Hockman v. Hursh*, 253 A. 3d 255 (Pa. Super. 2021).
- Secured a trial verdict to enjoin a public and private nuisance. *Litzenberger v. Helverson*, (BCCP 2021)
- Forced the removal of an unlawful electronic billboard adjoining a client's property. *McCafferty Hyundai Sales, Inc. v. Middletown Twp. Zoning Hearing Board*, 2023 Pa. Commw. Unpub. LEXUS 508; *appeal den*. 2024 PA. LEXIS 680 (2024)

ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Throughout his career, Ed has been recognized for his exceptional work. Some of his recognitions include:

- Receiving an AV ® preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell, indicating his preeminent legal ability and very high ethical standards.
- Being named to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® list in 2019-2021, 2023, 2024.
- Being selected in Best of Philadelphia Magazine List in 2019, 2023 and 2024
- Being included in Best of Philadelphia Inquirer List in 2015 and 2020

Ed's Professional Associations include:

- Past President, Young Lawyers Division, Bucks County Bar Association
- Past Chair, Young Lawyers Section, Bucks County Bar Association
- Bucks County and Pennsylvania Bar Association Member

Awards Won*

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EDUCATION

Villanova University School of Law, J.D.

Millersville University, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS)

CAPABILITIES

Litigation

Appellate

Commercial Litigation

Construction Litigation

Environmental

Business & Finance

Real Estate

Zoning & Land Use

Industry Focus

Real Estate & Construction

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