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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 & Real Estate Valuation
- 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* (2018-2026)**
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, 2026)**
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 28, 2025

Fox Rothschild Attorneys Recognized by Benchmark Litigation

April 25, 2025

Pa Justices Clarify Property Use Statuses in Condemnations

September 26, 2024

Benchmark USA Recognizes Fox Rothschild Attorneys Nationwide

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

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

October 13, 2022

Jury Returns \$5.85M Verdict to Family in 12-Year 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

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

Eminent-Domain Case Sets City Back \$1.25 Million

July 21, 2016

Owners of Old Prison Win Million-Dollar Decision

July 21, 2016

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