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Stephen is a corporate and real estate lawyer who guides clients through complex land use, zoning and development projects and serves as outside general counsel to regional and national businesses on a variety of legal issues.

He blends courtroom-honed judgment, municipal experience and private development know-how to help clients form and govern companies, negotiate and paper deals, and secure the approvals that move projects forward. He works closely with the firm's wealth planning team to ensure that high-net-worth individuals and families achieve the guidance they need.

A strategist and a problem-solver, Stephen works to identify and address issues quickly and cost-effectively by building the right team. At the outset of each engagement, he aligns on goals and expectations and then charts a focused path to the finish line, adjusting as needed to deliver an efficient, successful result.

In his corporate work, Stephen is practical and hands-on. He advises on entity formation, governance and contracts. He is adept at assembling the right cross-disciplinary team when matters touch labor and employment, litigation, intellectual property or environmental issues.

On the real estate side, Stephen represents developers, builders and owners in acquisitions and sales, zoning and land development. He has extensive experience in commercial leasing, representing both owners and tenants. He frequently appears before planning commissions and zoning hearing boards and is known for proactive strategies — including targeted text amendments — to reduce or avoid the need for variances on complex, multi-municipality projects.

Services

- Corporate
- Real Estate
- Zoning & Land Use

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Stephen serves on the Henderson Real Estate Institute Advisory Board at the LeBow College of Business, Drexel University, where he collaborates with industry leaders on curriculum and licensing pathways for students pursuing careers in commercial real estate.

He is active in the Union League of Philadelphia, including service on the Admissions Committee, and is a past board member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Philadelphia, Delaware & Susquehanna Valley Chapter.

Before Fox Rothschild

After serving in the Trials Division as an Assistant District Attorney for Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Stephen joined and later became a partner in the law firm of Binder, Kalis & Proctor, P.C.

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Education

- Vermont Law School (J.D., 1990)
- Gettysburg College (B.A., 1987)

Board of Directors

- Henderson Real Estate Institute Advisory Board
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