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David S. DeRose is an associate at the firm and concentrates his practice in the areas of estate planning and administration, family law, real estate and zoning.

With 42 years of experience as an attorney, Mr. DeRose is a member of the Westmoreland County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice and the Association for Conflict Resolution. For over thirty years, Mr. DeRose has served as Chair of the Westmoreland County Bar Association Building Committee and is a founding member of Lawyers Abstract Company of Westmoreland County and served on its Board of Directors from 1987-1994. He previously served for seven years on the Westmoreland County Bar Association Board of Directors and is a Past President of the Association. He is currently the Chairperson of the Westmoreland Bar Foundation.

Mr. DeRose is a former instructor of real estate law at Pennsylvania State University, Westmoreland County Community College and the paralegal program at St. Vincent College. He has extensive firsthand experience in real estate and zoning matters by serving as Solicitor for numerous area zoning boards. He has represented the boards for the City of Latrobe since 1989, the Borough of Ligonier since 1987 and the Township of Unity since 1992. In addition, Mr. DeRose has served as Solicitor for the Treasurer's Office of Westmoreland County from 1992-2011, and served as Solicitor for the Westmoreland County Recorder of Deeds Office from 1977 to 1981. He also served as judicial law clerk for the Honorable Donetta W. Ambrose from 1982 – 1991.

Mr. DeRose has previously served on the Board of Directors for the American Heart Association, the Westmoreland County Girl Scouts Council and Monsour Hospital. Since 1992, he has been the Chairman of the Latrobe Youth Commission, a group of citizens appointed by the Court to informally adjudicate non-violent criminal offenses committed by children, to counsel the children and/or their parents, and to rehabilitate through community service and other projects. For many years, he was a member of the Excelsa Health Golden Hour Committee whose purpose is to educate on the importance of a quick medical response to the symptoms of a heart attack. Further, he is a Board Member of the Latrobe Area Hospital Charitable Foundation, Adams Memorial Library in Latrobe, and Redstone Highlands. He also serves on a Citizen Advisory Committee to the Union Mission of Latrobe.

Mr. DeRose received his B.A., with high distinction, from Pennsylvania State University in 1973 and his J.D. from Duquesne University in 1976, where he was editor-in-chief of Juris magazine. Mr. DeRose lives in Latrobe with his wife, Johnette, and their chocolate Labrador retriever, Sammy. They have two sons, Nathaniel, who is a practicing attorney residing in New York City, and Christopher, who works for Universal Studios in Los Angeles. In his spare time, David enjoys traveling with his family, gardening and attending Penn State football games.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania, 1976
- U.S. District Court Western District of PA, 1976
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1988
- U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit, 1997

EDUCATION

- Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA
J.D. - 1976
Honors: Distinguished Student Award (1976)
Law Journal: Juris Magazine, Editor-in-Chief
- Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
B.A. - 1973
Honors: With High Distinction
Major: Political Science

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Westmoreland Bar Foundation, Chair
- Westmoreland County Bar Association, Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member, House of Delegates
- Association for Conflict Resolution, Member
- Lawyers Abstract Company of Westmoreland County, Member