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EXPERIENCE

Kenneth J. McDermott practices in the firm's Hospitality, Business & Corporate and Commercial Litigation Groups. He represents beverage retailers, distributors, restaurants, hotels, bars, private clubs, music and entertainment venues, breweries, wineries and distilleries and other liquor licensees on all aspects of liquor licensing and alcohol law.

Ken is experienced in defending claims before the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB), the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement and in state and federal court. He regularly represents clients with their litigation, corporate and business operations, construction and intellectual property matters. He participates in and presents to several industry-related organizations including the Brewers of Pennsylvania Association.

Ken served as a law clerk to Justice J. Michael Eakin of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. During his clerkship, he prepared opinions on numerous significant legal issues including land development, uninsured and underinsured motorist insurance, trustee compensation and capital murder.

After receiving his J.D. from Pennsylvania State University's Dickinson School of Law, Ken was an Associate with a construction litigation firm and was most recently an Associate at Tucker Arensberg where he provided legal counsel to hospitality and alcohol industry clients.

PRACTICES

- Hospitality
- Liquor Licensing and Alcohol
- Commercial Litigation
- Business and Corporate Law
- Real Estate

EDUCATION

- Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law, J.D., 2007
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania, B.A. Economics, summa cum laude, 2004

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

MEMBERSHIPS

- Cumberland County Bar Association
- Cumberland County American Inn of Court
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Ancient Order of Hibernians

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Crime Stoppers of Dauphin County, Board of Directors
- Harrisburg Area Community College Brewing Science Certificate Program, Instructor
- Harrisburg Beer Week, Advisor
- Brewers of Pennsylvania, Associate Member
- Pennsylvania Licensed Beverage and Tavern Association, Associate Member
- Wills for Heroes, Volunteer

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Harrisburg Community College and the Brewers of PA, The Brewery Science Certificate Program, January 2020
- Brewers of Pennsylvania, Mid-Atlantic Brewers Symposium, *Marijuana and Beer – Is this Bud for You?*, State College PA, October 2018
- Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management (APMM), Annual Meeting, *Brew-Vitalization: Impact of Breweries on Local Redevelopment*, Gettysburg PA, May 2016

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Successfully appealed the Liquor Control Board's denial of an economic development liquor license application
- Orchestrated several licensing transactions that were the first to be accomplished in Pennsylvania
- Assisted an international hotel brand in securing a liquor license for a newly renovated hotel in Center City Philadelphia
- Defended an international retailer against premises liability and property damage claims
- Represented a brewery in a claim against a manufacturer related to defective glass bottles
- Pursued mechanics' lien claims for a national factoring company
- Assisted a national nursing home operator with obtaining guardianships for its incapacitated residents