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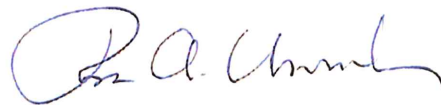
Theodore Murphy, Chair  
West Goshen Sewer Authority  
848 South Concord Road  
West Chester, PA 19382

RE: West Goshen Sewer Authority  
Request for Proposals for Authority Solicitor

Dear Ted:

Please find enclosed the Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees proposal to provide legal services for the West Goshen Sewer Authority during 2021. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Ross A. Unruh

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Enclosure

**Solicitor Proposal**  
**to**  
**West Goshen Sewer Authority**



**November 25, 2020**

**Unruh, Turner, Burke and Frees, P.C.**  
**P.O. Box 515**  
**West Chester, PA 19381**  
**(610) 692-1371**

1. **Contact Information.**

Name and address of the Firm:

Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, P.C.

17 West Gay Street, Suite 200

P.O. Box 515

West Chester, PA 19381-0515

Name of individual preparing this proposal:

Ross A. Unruh, Esquire

Telephone: (610) 692-1371

Fax: (610) 918-1361

E-mail: [runruh@utbf.com](mailto:runruh@utbf.com)

Principal professionals assigned to the Authority:

Ross A. Unruh, Esquire

Ryan M. Jennings, Esquire

Telephone: (610) 692-1371

Fax: (610) 918-1361

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2. **Fee Proposal.**

The Firm proposes a reduced municipal hourly rate of \$200 for all shareholders, \$180 for associates, and an hourly paralegal rate of \$110.

3. **Executive Summary.**

Although the Authority asks for a principal professional, the proposed plan during at least the ensuing two years is a collaborative arrangement with both Ross Unruh and also Ryan Jennings. In particular, the main contact will be Ryan Jennings, who will be the person who attends meetings and monitors e-mails on a day-to-day basis. However, he will be working very closely with Ross Unruh, who has represented the Authority for over 40 years. The purpose for this cooperative arrangement is so that Ross Unruh may provide Mr. Jennings with his knowledge and experience not only with the West Goshen Sewer Authority's operations and processes, but also with municipal authorities generally. The services by Mr. Unruh will be provided at no cost to the Authority. Guidance will include but not be limited to the acquiring of right-of-ways and other property interests, reviewing

public works bid documents, reviewing public works construction documents, and serving as local counsel to municipal financing transactions. Ryan will be integrated into the existing working relationship with which the Firm has developed over the years with both the Township staff and also with the Authority's consulting engineers.

An integral part of the proposed representation is the entire Municipal Practice Group which consists of Ross Unruh, Andy Rau, Amanda Sundquist and Ryan Jennings. Attached are their resumes which set forth their education and experience. This practice group works as a team and works together to provide quality legal services to the Firm's clients. These lawyers have knowledge of the Municipality Authorities Act and its implementation representing not only municipal authorities, but also entities which have had transactions with municipal authorities. One area of expertise which is particularly noteworthy is their experience with review of and administration of documents for significant public works projects. This experience is the result of the firm representing school districts which have more significant public work projects than most other local government entities. For example, the Firm has been involved with the development and implementation of the approximately \$60 million Rustin High School project, renovation and additions to various middle and elementary schools, including the \$25 million+ Greystone Elementary School project. The Firm is currently undertaking an approximately \$81 million high school project in Avon Grove.

In any public works construction project, there is a risk of disputes, particularly if the contractors do not stay on schedule, and particularly if one defaults. This Firm has three lawyers whose litigation practice focuses on handling construction disputes not only for clients in the public sector, but also for the private clients which the Firm represents such as builders and developers. Those three lawyers are Nancy Glidden, Christopher Turner, and James Dalton, all of whom have experience in State and Federal Courts. Jim Dalton also handles different types of municipal litigation, including but not limited to intergovernmental disputes, civil rights defense, code/ordinance enforcement, condemnations, quiet title actions, Sunoco pipeline litigation and tax assessment cases.

An integral part of local government public work construction projects is municipal finance pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act. As a result, the Municipal Practice Group lawyers have experience working with many financial advisors bond counsels structuring and closing municipal borrowings which include

bond issues, bank loans and transactions with the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority. Here again, the Firm's experience with the West Chester Area School District is important because it goes to market just about every year for either new or old money with borrowings of at least \$10 million a year. As a result, the Municipal Practice Group lawyers yearly experience dealing with the Local Unit Debt Act, reviewing the loan documents, reviewing the Preliminary Official Statement and providing input for it, attending due diligence conference calls, interacting with the finance team, ensuring that all required proceedings are properly followed, and providing the local solicitor's opinion letter.

Occasionally the Real Estate and Business Practice Group, headed up by Bill Burke, provides assistance to the Firm's municipal clients. As you may recall, he assisted with the Authority's acquisition of the property needed for the Downing Avenue pump station by coming up with a solution in conjunction with Manito Abstract, which met the Authority's needs.

#### **4. Staffing Plan.**

The staffing plan includes all of the lawyers referenced above. However, on a day to day basis, the following will be the ones with whom there will be interaction:

**Ross A. Unruh** has been practicing law for 48 years. His practice is focused on municipal law and land development. With respect to municipal law, his experience has been with school districts, townships, municipal authorities and zoning hearing boards. He has been with the Firm for 30 years.

**Ryan M. Jennings** has been practicing law for ten years. His practice focuses on municipal law and land development. He has been with the Firm for one year.

#### **5. Municipal Experience.**

The lawyers in the Municipal Practice Group has been performing the services for the West Goshen Sewer Authority for over 40 years. It has also provide legal services for the London Grove Municipal Authority for approximately 30 years. As mentioned above, the Firm has represented entities which have had transactions with other municipal authorities. The Executive Summary sets forth examples of the nature and scope of the Firm's experience. The list of references provides an example of the Firm's municipal clients, many of which have been clients of long standing.

## 6. Office Locations.

Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, P.C. maintains three Chester County locations. Our primary office is in West Chester, Pennsylvania, and is the central location of our Municipal Practice Group. We also offer additional office locations and meeting space in Phoenixville and Paoli:

Phoenixville: 120 Gay Street  
P.O. Box 289  
Phoenixville, PA 19460  
(610) 933-8069

Paoli: 43 Leopard Road  
Suite 103  
Paoli, PA 19301

Located in the heart of Chester County, the Firm has represented Chester County municipalities since its inception and continues to represent numerous governmental entities, as well as corporate, development and institutional clients across the region.

## 7. References.

Current Clients:

### West Chester Area School District

- Represented Since: Mid-1970s
- James Scanlon, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Telephone: 484-266-1090 (Office)  
484-883-0648 (Cell)
- John Scully, Director of Business Affairs  
Telephone: 484-266-1020
- Kevin Campbell, Director of Facilities and Operations  
Telephone: 484-266-1250

### Avon Grove School District

- Represented in Various Capacities Since: 1990s
- M. Christopher Marchese, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Telephone: 610-869-2441, Ext. 50002
- Daniel Carsley, Director of Business Administration/Chief Financial Officer  
Telephone: 610-869-2441, Ext. 50202

East Bradford Township

- Represented Since: Mid-1970s
- Mandie Cantlin, Township Manager  
Telephone: 610-436-5108

East Marlborough Township

- Represented Since: 2018
- Neil Lovekin, Township Manager  
Telephone: 610-444-0725

London Grove Township Municipal Authority

- Represented Since: 1992
- Ken Battin, Township Manager  
Telephone: 610-345-0100

Easttown Township

- Represented in Various Capacities Since: 1990s
- Eugene C. Briggs, Jr., AICP, CZO, Interim Township Manager  
Office: 610-687-3000, Ext. 109  
Mobile: 484-354-7806
- James W. Oram, Jr., Chair  
Telephone: 484-431-8110
- Betsy Fadem, Supervisor, Former Chair  
Telephone: 610-308-6180

Former Clients:

Borough of Phoenixville

- Represented: 2006-2014
- E. Jean Krack, Manager  
Telephone: 610-933-8801

Springettsbury Township

- Represented as special counsel: 2013-2014
- Charles A. Rausch, Solicitor  
Telephone: 717-845-3674

**8. Litigation as Defendant.**

No such litigation has been brought against the Firm within the last three (3) years.

**9. Investigations and/or Litigation.**

There are no ongoing investigations and/or litigation matters involving the applicant, its directors, officers, and principals of the Firm.

**10. Conflicts of Interest.**

There are no existing conflicts of interest. The Firm does not represent any municipalities with which the Authority has intergovernmental cooperation agreements. There may be a potential conflict of interest in the event a dispute arises when the West Chester Area School District seeks to dedicate the force main which is located in the existing West Goshen Sewer Authority right-of-way on the school district property. If that dispute were to require legal intervention, this Firm would have to decline to represent either party, which is the appropriate course of action for any lawyer in the event of a conflict of interest.



**ROSS A. UNRUH**  
**Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, P.C.**

**Education/Training:**

Mediation Training, 2012  
Pepperdine School of Law / Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution

- A Systematic Approach to Mediation Strategies

J.D., 1972  
Vanderbilt University School of Law  
Nashville, Tennessee

B.A. History, 1969  
Lafayette College  
Easton, Pennsylvania

**Experience:**

1990-Current	Unruh, Turner, Burke and Frees, P.C. Shareholder and Founder
1972 -1989	MacElree Harvey Partner

**Martindale Hubbell Rating:** “AV”

**Areas of Practice:**

Government and Municipal Law; Zoning and Land Use; Real Estate Development; Education Law; Mediation and Arbitration

**Admissions:**

- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

**Lead Solicitor:**

East Marlborough Township; East Bradford Township; Pocopson Township; West Chester Area School District; West Goshen Sewer Authority; London Grove Municipal Authority; West Chester Business Improvement District; East Goshen

Zoning Hearing Board; Birmingham Zoning Hearing Board; Newlin Zoning Hearing Board

**Selected Offices and Activities:**

Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce

- Past Chairman (1999)
- Board Member(1993 to 2000)

Chester County Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

- Member, Education Law Committee

American Red Cross, SEPA Chapter

- Chairman, Brandywine Branch Board (1996-1997)

# Ryan M. Jennings

P.O. Box 515 ♦ West Chester, Pennsylvania 19381-0515 ♦ (610) 692-1371 ♦ [rjennings@utbf.com](mailto:rjennings@utbf.com)

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**Experience:** **Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, P.C.,** West Chester, PA

*Partner – Zoning & Land Use, Municipal, & Governmental Depts., Jan. 2020 – Present*

- ♦ Member of the Firm's Solicitor group, providing day-to-day counseling and legal representation to municipal and county bodies on board governance, pending land use applications, legislative enactments and interpretation, and statutory compliance
- ♦ Handle an extensive zoning & land use and municipal & governmental caseload, primarily comprised of zoning & land use, land development, local agency law, civil litigation, land use appeals, and right-to-know matters
- ♦ Represent private and public developers on all aspects of land use and development, including the acquisition of requisite approvals, through applications and presentations before Planning Commissions, Zoning Hearing Boards, and Boards of Supervisors

**Buckley, Brion, McGuire & Morris, LLP,** West Chester, PA

*Associate & Partner – Land Use, Municipal, & Litigation Depts., Nov. 2015 – Jan. 2020*

- ♦ Handle an extensive municipal, land development, civil litigation, and dependency law caseload, primarily comprised of zoning & land use, land development, local agency law, civil litigation, land use appeals, right-to-know, and juvenile dependency matters
- ♦ Represent private and public developers on all aspects of land use and development, including the acquisition of requisite approvals, through applications and presentations before Planning Commissions, Zoning Hearing Boards, and Boards of Supervisors
- ♦ Member of the Firm's Solicitor group, providing day-to-day counseling and legal representation to municipal and county bodies on board governance, pending land use applications, legislative enactments and interpretation, and statutory compliance
- ♦ Associate of the Firm's Litigation practice group, involving arbitration and mediation matters, conducting legal research, pleadings, written discovery, and depositions
- ♦ Solicitor for the Chester County Department of Children, Youth, & Families, providing County representation for dependency and juvenile hearings

**Siana, Bellwoar & McAndrew, LLP,** Chester Springs, PA

*Associate – Litigation Dept., June 2010 – Nov. 2015*

- ♦ Handled an extensive state and federal civil caseload primarily comprised of municipal, civil defense, civil rights, and local agency law representation
- ♦ Member of the Firm's Solicitor group, counseling municipalities on board governance, legislative enactment, statutory interpretation, and right-to-know matters
- ♦ Assisted in representing private parties and municipalities at and before local zoning boards, county courts of common pleas, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Pennsylvania, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

**Lentz, Cantor & Massey,** Malvern, PA

*Summer Associate, Summer 2009*

- ♦ Assisted in the drafting of contracts for commercial and real estate transactions, including preparation of various litigation-related pleadings and discovery
- ♦ Researched and drafted memoranda, discovery requests, letters to counsel, and motions for civil and criminal litigation
- ♦ Prepared for and worked on several civil litigation matters, spanning numerous areas of law, including corporate, estate, employment, construction, and zoning & land use law

# Ryan M. Jennings

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**Experience:** **Essex County Prosecutor's Office**, Newark, NJ  
(*cont'd*) *Legal Intern – Appellate Division, Spring Semester 2009*

- ◆ Performed legal research, analysis, and writing
- ◆ Assisted in the preparation for and observed attorneys delivering oral arguments and conducting numerous jury trials
- ◆ Drafted summary memoranda and appellate briefing in support and defense of numerous homicide convictions

**The Honorable Ronald C. Nagle – Chester County C.C.P.**, West Chester, PA  
*Judicial Intern, Summer 2008*

- ◆ Performed legal research, analysis, and writing
- ◆ Assisted and participated in pre-trial conferences and meetings in chambers
- ◆ Observed numerous court proceedings concerning both criminal and civil matters
- ◆ Analyzed legal argument, synthesized all content of record, and offered disposition recommendations in concise memoranda and presentation to the Court

**Admissions:** Pennsylvania and New Jersey

**Federal** United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and  
**Jurisdictions:** United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

**Recognition:** *Main Line Today* – Top Lawyer 2019 & 2020 (Municipal Law)  
*Super Lawyers* – Rising Star 2020 (Land Use/Zoning)

**Bar** American Bar Association, Member (2010 – Present)  
**Associations:** Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member (2010 – Present)  
Chester County Bar Association, Member (2010 – Present)  
Board of Directors, Appointed December 2019  
John E. Stively Inn of Court, Barrister Member  
Young Lawyers Division, Member  
Municipal & Land Use Section, Member

**Volunteerism:** **Chester County Court Administration**, West Chester, PA  
*Arbitrator – Civil Division, September 2018 – Present*

**Education:** **Seton Hall University School of Law**, Newark, NJ  
Juris Doctor, May 2010  
Intellectual Property Law Concentration  
Activities: Intellectual Property Law Society  
Courtroom Advocates Project, Pro Bono Program

**Seton Hall University**, South Orange, NJ  
Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, May 2007  
Majors: Political Science and Journalism  
Honors: Seton Hall University Academic Scholarship  
Seton Hall University Servant Leader Scholar  
University Dean's List, all semesters  
National Society of Collegiate Scholars  
NRHH National Program Winner – October 2005

**ANDREW D. H. RAU**  
**Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, P.C.**  
**arau@utbf.com**  
**(610) 692-1371**

**Education / Training:**

Mediation Training, 2014

Pepperdine School of Law / Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution

- Mediating the Litigated Case Program, Washington, D.C.

J.D., 1993

Dickinson School of Law

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

- Honors: Order of Barristers; Jessup International Law Moot Court Team (Best Oralist, Mid-Atlantic Region); Appellate Moot Court Board; ABA Urban, State & Local Government Award (Land Use); Legal Services Clinic

B.A. Political Science, 1986

Bucknell University

Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

- Off-Campus Study in Vienna, Austria and Washington, D.C.

**Experience:**

2003-Current	Unruh, Turner, Burke and Frees, P.C. Shareholder and Director; Municipal Practice Group Chair; Member of Executive Committee
1993-2003	Gawthrop, Greenwood & Halsted, P.C. Shareholder and Director (1999-2003); Associate (1993-1999)
1986-1990	Cable News Network, Washington, D.C. Writer/Producer (1988-1990); Production Assistant/Research Assistant (1986-1988)

**Practice Recognitions:**

- Rated “AV / Preeminent” by the Martindale-Hubbell peer review ranking / evaluation system

- Recognized as 10-year “Super Lawyer” by the Thomson Reuters attorney rating service
- Honored as U.S. News & World Report “Best Lawyer”
- Named to “Top Lawyer” listing by Main Line Today Magazine

### **Areas of Practice:**

Government and Municipal Law; Infrastructure Development; Zoning and Land Use; Education Law; Real Estate; Public Employment Law; Non-Profits; Mediation

### **Admissions:**

- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

### **Select Lead Solicitorships:**

Avon Grove School District; East Caln Township; Easttown Township; Valley Township; East Whiteland Township Zoning Hearing Board; King of Prussia Business Improvement District (KOP-BID)

### **Select Past Special Counsel Appointments:**

Downingtown Area School District; Octorara Area School District; Tredyffrin Township; Upper Uwchlan Township; Town of Greenburgh, NY

### **Offices and Activities:**

#### **New Beginnings Affordable Housing Fund**

- Board of Advisors (2020 to Present)

#### **Pennsylvania Bar Association**

- House of Delegates (2011 to Present)

#### **Eagles Mere Foundation**

- Trustee (2017 to Present)

#### **Eagles Mere Conservancy**

- President (2012 - 2015)
- Board of Directors (2009 - 2015)

#### Chester County Bar Foundation

- President (2005)
- Board of Directors (2001 – 2006)

#### Chester County Bar Association

- Chair, Municipal and Land Use Section (2008 – 2011)
- Chair, Judicial Evaluation Committee (2001) (Member 1999-2002)
- Chair, Young Lawyers Division (1997)
- Board of Directors (1996-1998; 2004-2006)
- Associate Editor, Chester County Law Reporter (1994-1997)

#### Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania & Community Impact Legal Services

- Board of Directors (2001-2006)

#### Legal Aid of Chester County, Inc.

- Board of Directors (1999-2000)

#### **Publications and Presentations:**

- Author and Presenter, *Legal Ethics for Solicitors and Labor Counsel*, Public Employee Labor Relations Advisory Service (PELRAS) Annual Conference, State College, Pennsylvania, 2011 to 2019
- Author and Presenter, *Local Control and Regional Vision: Selected Concepts In Multi-Municipal Cooperation*, Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce, Coatesville, Pennsylvania, 2018
- Author and Presenter, *Funding Options and Incentives for Pennsylvania Fire Companies and EMS Providers*, Chester County Executive Administrators Group, Guthriesville, Pennsylvania, 2018
- Author and Presenter, *Ethics for Township Leaders*, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Annual Educational Conference, Hershey, Pennsylvania, 2018
- Author and Presenter, *The Impact of Reed v. Town of Gilbert on Municipal Sign Ordinances*, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Annual Educational Conference, Hershey, Pennsylvania, 2016
- Presenter, *Role of the Solicitor*, Municipal Law Colloquium 2015; PBI No. 2015-8658
- Author and Presenter, *Student Discipline in Public Schools*, Chester County Bench Bar Conference, Crystal Springs Resort, 2012
- Author and Presenter, *Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law, Recent Cases and Legislative Updates*, Chester County Bench Bar Conference, Bedford Springs Resort, 2010

- Presenter, *Zoning Hearing Board Practice*,  
2001 Chester County Bar Association MCLE Program
- Presenter, *Eminent Domain and Related Issues*,  
1999 Pennsylvania Bar Institute Municipal Law Colloquium
- Presenter, *Cellular Communications Towers & Local Zoning*,  
1999 Chester County Bar Association MCLE Program
- Author and Presenter, *Cable Television Issues*,  
1995 Pennsylvania Bar Institute Municipal Law Colloquium  
Pennsylvania Bar Institute Publication No. 1995-958



**AMANDA J. SUNDQUIST**  
**Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, P.C.**

**Education/Training:**

J.D., 2006

University of Richmond School of Law  
Richmond, Virginia

- Honors: *Cum laude*; Richmond Journal of Law & Technology, Senior Staff Member; Moot Court Board, Intra-Scholastic Co-Chair

B.S. Biology, 2003

Bucknell University  
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

**Experience:**

2015-Current	Unruh, Turner, Burke and Frees, P.C. Partner; Education Practice Group Chair; Member of Marketing Committee
2006-2014	Unruh, Turner, Burke and Frees, P.C. Associate

**Areas of Practice:**

Government and Municipal Law; Zoning and Land Use; Education Law; Internal Investigations; Appeals

**Admissions:**

- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

**Lead Solicitor:**

Pocopson Township; West Chester Area School District; Atglen Borough Zoning Hearing Board; Caln Township Zoning Hearing Board; East Nantmeal Zoning Hearing Board; Londonderry Zoning Hearing Board (conflict solicitor); Tredyffrin Township Zoning Hearing Board; West

Bradford Township Zoning Hearing Board; West Nantmeal Zoning Hearing Board; Westtown Township Zoning Hearing Board (conflict solicitor)

**Selected Offices and Activities:**

Chester County Workforce Development Board

- Executive-Governance Committee, Co-Chair (2018 to present)
- Governance Committee, Chair (2015 to 2018)
- Board Member (2013 to present)

Exton Region Chamber of Commerce

- Board of Directors (2018 to present)
- Governance Affairs Committee (2015 to present)

Chester County Association of Township Officials

- Education Committee (2015 to present)
- Affiliates Council, Secretary (2015 to present)

Chester County Bar Association

- Chair, Young Lawyers Division (2010)
- Board of Directors (2009-2012)
- Law Day Committee, Chair (2016 to present)
- Judicial Evaluation Committee, Member (2013 to 2016)
- Municipal and Land Use Section, Member (2008 to present)

Pennsylvania Bar Association

- Education Law Committee

**Selected Publications and Presentations:**

- Author and Presenter, *Local Government 101: Sunshine Law*, Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce, 2019
- Author and Presenter, *Local Government 201: Funding Emergency Services*, Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce, 2018
- Author and Presenter, *Ethics for Township Leaders: Shifting Sands and Bright Lines*, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Annual Education Conference, 2018
- Moderator, *Autonomous Vehicles and the Future of Mobility*, Chester County Association of Township Officials, 2018
- Author and Presenter, *Medical Marijuana: The Smoke Clears*, PBI Real Estate Institute, 2017
- Moderator, *The Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Act: Planning and Zoning Considerations*, Chester County Association of Township Officials, 2017

- Author and Presenter, *Before You Hit Send: Navigating an E-mail Minefield*, Pennsylvania School Board Solicitors Association Symposium, 2016
- Author and Presenter, *The Impact of Reed v. Town of Gilbert on Municipal Sign Ordinances*, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Annual Educational Conference, 2016
- Moderator, *Child Protective Services Law*, Chester County Association of Township Officials, 2015
- Author and Instructor, *Pennsylvania Municipal Government Academy Planning Track Primary Course*, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, 2015-2016
- Moderator, *Scrambled Eggs: What You Need to Know About Backyard Chickens*, Chester County Association of Township Officials, 2015
- Author and Presenter, *Religion, Prayer and Public Meetings*, Chester County Bar Association, Fall Bench Bar Conference, 2014
- Presenter, *Introduction to Legal Issues Related to School Bullying*, American Bar Association, YLD Fall Conference-Arizona, 2013
- Author and Presenter, *Don't Get Burned, What You Need to Know About Sunshine, Ethics and Prevailing Wage*, Chester County Association of Township Officials, 2012
- Guest, Legal Talk, 1520 AM, 2011

#### **Awards:**

- Name a Best Lawyers in America for Land Use and Zoning Law, 2021
- Named a Pennsylvania Rising Star in Philadelphia Magazine by Super Lawyers, a Thomas Reuter Company, 2014-2020
- Named a Top Lawyer by Main Line Today Magazine, 2018-2020
- Selected as Vista Millennial Superstar by Vista Today, 2020
- Selected for the Young Lawyers Division Service Award by the Chester County Bar Association, 2011
- Named Pennsylvania Lawyer on the Fast Track by the Pennsylvania Legal Intelligencer, 2010

**DANIEL S. LEPERA**  
**Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, P.C.**

**Education/Training:**

J.D., 2014  
Villanova University School of Law  
Villanova, PA

B.A. Public Relations, 2011  
Pennsylvania State University  
State College, PA

**Experience:**

2018-Current	Unruh, Turner, Burke and Frees, P.C. Associate Municipal Practice Group
2014-2018	City of Philadelphia Law Department Assistant City Solicitor Economic Development and Investments Unit
2013-2014	Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas The Honorable Pamela Dembe Judicial Extern/Fellow – Commerce Court
2009	Big Ten Network – State College, PA Production Assistant
2009	Philadelphia 76ers – Philadelphia, PA Marketing & Statistical Assistant

**Areas of Practice:**

Government and Municipal Law; Zoning and Land Use; Education Law;  
Real Estate

**Admissions:**

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

**Selected Offices and Activities:**

Pennsylvania Bar Association

- Member

Chester County Bar Association

- Member, Young Lawyers' Division