

Puskar, M. Catharine



Having joined Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh in November 1998, Cathy Puskar's practice focuses on land use and zoning matters in the City of Alexandria and Arlington County.

With an in-depth knowledge of the law, process, politics, and people required to achieve her clients' goals, Cathy has successfully represented a number of clients in obtaining the necessary entitlements for a variety of projects including major residential, commercial, and mixed-use developments. Cathy represents major landowners with development approvals in significant planning areas within the City of Alexandria, including North Potomac Yard, Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens, Beauregard, and Eisenhower East. In addition, Cathy has the distinction of having represented clients in the approval process for the majority of the Arlington County Columbia Pike Commercial Revitalization and Neighborhoods Form Based Code Projects that have been developed to date.

Representative Experience

Cathy has served as zoning counsel representing clients in a variety of zoning approvals including the following matters:

- Approval of the Beauregard Small Area Plan, Alexandria, Rezoning and Coordinated Development District concept plan for approximately 12.8 million square feet of mixed use development (residential, office, hotel and retail).
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- Approval of multiple zoning applications associated with Potomac Yard, Alexandria, a mixed use tract entitled for 1.9 million square feet of office, 2,320 residential units, 625 hotel rooms and 120,000 square feet of retail.
- Approval of the Potomac Yard Town Center, Alexandria, a mixed-use project within Potomac Yard containing one million square feet of office, 625 hotel rooms, 414 multi-family units, and 200,000 square feet of retail.
- Approval of 1101 N. Washington Street Old Colony Inn, Old Town North, Alexandria, a renovation and expansion of an existing hotel.
- Approval of 530 First Street, Old Town North, Alexandria, a mixed-use project containing 232 multi-family units and 51,000 square feet of retail.
- Approval of 2901 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, a mixed-use project containing 533 multi-family units, 67 townhouses, and 9,000 square feet of retail in Eisenhower East.
- Approval of 3640 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, a 136,000 square foot self-storage facility.
- Approval of Eisenhower East Block 2, Alexandria, an office building containing 661,000 square feet for a federal tenant.
- Approval of the Alexandria Memory Care Center, a 66-bed memory-care facility for the elderly.
- Approval of an expansion of Goodwin House, Alexandria, for a 90-bed nursing and memory care facility for the elderly.
- Approval of Seminary Overlook, Alexandria, a residential project containing 720 multi-family units.
- Approval of The Thornton, a residential project containing 443 multi-family units in Alexandria's Old and Historic District.
- Approval of the Hotel Monaco, the Morrison House and the Lorien, three boutique hotels with ground-floor restaurants and retail in Alexandria's Old and Historic District.
- Approval of The Clayborne, a mixed-use project containing 75 apartments and ground-floor retail in Alexandria's Old and Historic District.
- Approval of The Village Center, 950 S. George Mason Drive, Arlington, a mixed-use project containing 365 multifamily units, a 50,000 square foot grocery store, 31,120 square feet of in-line retail, and a new public square.
- Approval of The Gilliam, 3507 Columbia Pike, Arlington, with a mixed-use project containing 173 multi-family units, with 8,947 square feet of retail and civic uses.
- Approval of 672 Flats, 672 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, a mixed-use project containing 173 multi-family units and 4,326 square feet of retail.
- Approval of Gables North Rolfe Street, 1307 N. Rolfe Street, Arlington, with 395 units within two multi-family buildings and 14 units within a County transitional living facility.
- Approval of Pike 3400, 3400 Columbia Pike, Arlington, a mixed-use project containing 245 multi-family units, 12 stacked flats, 44 townhouses, and 15,443 square feet of retail.
- Approval of Penrose Square, 2405 and 2501 Columbia Pike, Arlington, a mixed-use project containing 299 multi-family units, a 61,500 square foot grocery store, and 36,000 square feet of in-line retail.

Professional Recognition

- Award in Recognition of Outstanding Service as Chair of the Board of Directors, presented by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce (2009)

Publications and Presentations

- Georgetown University, Foundations of Real Estate Law, Guest Lecturer (February 2013)
- Bisnow Real Estate Panel, The Future of Alexandria, Moderator (March 2012)
- Urban Land Institute Mobile Workshop, "Infill Development, Alexandria," Presenter (October 2010)
- Urban Land Institute Columbia Pike Case Study, Presenter (June 2010)
- Virginia State CLE, "The Trickle Up Effect: Efforts and Impacts of Local Governments on the Implementation of 'Green Development and Construction,'" Presenter (June 2008)

Press Mentions

- "A Regal goodbye: Here's how and where JBG plans to kick off North Potomac Yard overhaul," WBJ, Web, May 17, 2016 ([Link to Article](#))

Community Involvement

- Alexandria Police Foundation, Board of Directors (2015–present)
- John Marshall Bank Advisory Board, Member (2013–present)
- Senior Services of Alexandria, Board of Directors (2011–present)
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- College of William & Mary, Reunion Gift Committee (2009, 2014)
- Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, Board of Trustees (2013 Chair)
- Burke & Herbert Advisory Board, Member (2007– 2010)
- Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors (2009 Chair), Executive Committee, Government Relations Committee
- Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Board of Directors (2009)
- Healthy Families Alexandria, Board of Directors (2000–2005)
- Alexandria Youth Policy Commission, Commissioner (appointed by City Council, 1997–2005)
- Communities in Schools of Northern Virginia, Board of Directors (2000–2004)
- The City of Alexandria Walk to Fight Breast Cancer, Walk Development Committee

Practice Areas

Land Use and Zoning

Education

National Law Center at George Washington University, J.D., 1995
College of William & Mary, B.S., 1989

Professional Membership

Alexandria Bar Association
Arlington County Bar Association
Northern Virginia Building Industry Association
Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, Urban Chapter

Admitted to Practice in:

Virginia
District of Columbia