



## John E. Tracey

PARTNER

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When land development projects require the approval of land use and zoning regulators at the municipal, county, or state level, John Tracey is regularly called upon to navigate the necessary processes. His clients include developers, home-builders, retailers, corporate investors, and cellular communications companies placing new cell towers.

As both the degree of regulation and the prevailing political climate can vary widely from one jurisdiction to another, John is known for his ability to negotiate the needed approvals while remaining sensitive to the many constituencies that might weigh in on them.

In such circumstances, John draws on his strong working relationships with the government agencies involved. Having worked previously in government — representing various land use bodies and boards — he brings to the approval process a thorough understanding of both the procedures and possible pitfalls, thus enabling him to resolve issues and secure approvals in a timely and efficient manner.

### **FOCUS:**

Representing developers and land owners in Land Use and Zoning matters in the three counties and many municipalities in Delaware.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

Former Assistant County Attorney and First Assistant County Attorney with New Castle County, representing the County's various administrative Land Use Boards, including the Board of Adjustment, Planning Board and Historic Review Board.

### **Practices**

- Commercial Real Estate Transactions

### **Education**

- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (J.D.)
- University of Delaware (B.A.A.S.)

### **Bar Admissions**

- Delaware
- Maryland

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

### **Distinctions**

- *Chambers USA - Leading Lawyers for Business*, Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use, 2009-Present
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation - Land Use & Zoning Law, 2010 - Present, Real Estate Law, 2019

### **Memberships and Affiliations**

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Delaware State Bar Association, Member

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America Bar Association, Member

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Delaware Association of Professional Engineers Council, Member (Governor's Appointment)

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Home Builders Association of Delaware, Board Member

### **Clerkships**

Hon. Richard S. Arnold, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1991-1993)

## **News**

November 1, 2018

**Delaware Today Magazine Recognizes 17 Young Conaway "Top Lawyers"**

August 15, 2018

**42 Young Conaway Lawyers Recognized by Best Lawyers in America, with 4 Attorneys Further Recognized as Lawyers of the Year (Wilmington, DE)**

May 4, 2018

**23 Young Conaway Attorneys Ranked as "Leaders in their Field" in 2018 Chambers USA**

August 15, 2017

**41 Young Conaway Attorneys Named in The Best Lawyers In America and Three Attorneys Receive Additional Specialty Recognition as Lawyer of the Year (Wilmington, DE)**

May 26, 2017

**25 Young Conaway Attorneys Recognized As "Leaders In Their Field" by Chambers USA 2017 Edition**

November 2, 2015

**Delaware Today Announces 2015 Top Lawyers**

August 17, 2015

**36 Young Conaway Attorneys Named In 2016 Best Lawyers in America**

May 23, 2014

**25 Young Conaway Attorneys Listed As "Leaders in their Field" in Chambers USA for 2014**

August 16, 2013

**36 Young Conaway Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2014**

May 24, 2013

**Young Conaway -- Top Ranked in Chambers USA 2013**

September 16, 2011

**Young Conaway Attorneys Honored in The Best Lawyers in America® 2012**

June 10, 2011

**Chambers USA 2011 – 21 YCST Lawyers And More Practice Areas Than Any Other DE Firm!**