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### *Areas of Practice*

Real Estate & Land Use, Corporate and Business Law, Estates and Trusts, Personal Injury, Entertainment Law



Born in Baltimore and a lifelong resident of Baltimore City and County, J. Neil Lanzi has dedicated his practice to servicing the needs of the local community. He has for three decades (since 1986) served his clients in the areas of real estate (commercial and residential) with an emphasis in land use and zoning, general business, transactions, estate planning, probate and personal injury.

### *Representative Clientele*

Mr. Lanzi's clients include many small and mid size businesses in a wide variety of industries including engineering firms, surveyors, developers, contractors, service garages, restaurants, management companies, physicians, insurance agencies, barbers, dentists, software companies, pawn shops, non-profit companies and franchisees. He assists with business transactions, with a focus on real estate and zoning issues and advises on development projects from inception through completion, whether large mixed-use developments encompassing several acres or individual residential properties. Representative clients include F.M. Harvey Construction Co., Inc., Shade Construction Company, Value City Furniture, Office Depot, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, The Orient, Office Depot, Shell Oil Company, PF Changs, Famous Dave's and Jiffy Lube franchisees.

### *Experience*

Prior to joining Wright, Constable Skeen, Mr. Lanzi headed his own firm in Towson, which he ran from 1993 through 2015.

After attending Loyola University, Maryland, Mr. Lanzi obtained his JD degree from the University Of Baltimore School Of Law in 1985. While attending law school, Mr. Lanzi clerked with the law firm of White, Mindel, Clarke & Foard, a highly-regarded Towson law firm. Following graduation, Mr. Lanzi was selected to serve a judicial clerkship with The Honorable Albert P. Close of the Circuit Court for Harford County. Upon the completion of the clerkship, Mr. Lanzi accepted an associate attorney position with the Towson law firm of Seiland & Jednorski, P.A., a general practice law firm where he handled a variety of legal matters from the Summer of 1986 through the Spring of 1992.

In June of 1992, Mr. Lanzi formed the law firm known as Coover & Lanzi, with offices in Towson and Ellicott City. The law practice prospered; however, after finding that the vast majority of clients preferred the Towson office, Mr. Lanzi established his own practice in Towson on October 15, 1993. For the next twenty-three years, the law office of J. Neil Lanzi, P.A. assisted many clients with their diverse legal needs. In January 2016, Mr. Lanzi merged his practice with Wright, Constable and Skeen and will be based in the firm's new Towson office.

### *Selected Professional Affiliations*

Mr. Lanzi has been actively involved in professional associations since the start of his legal career. He has been a member of the Maryland State Bar Association, Maryland Trial Lawyers Association, American Bar Association and the Baltimore County Bar Association since 1986, where he is active in the State, Local Laws and Zoning Committee. He is also a member of the Maryland State Bar Association Entertainment and Sports Law Section.

### *Articles / Publications*

Media Mention: "A Spy Story Gets CIA's Green Light," Washington Post, December 7, 2016. "The Central Intelligence agency recently gave a go-ahead to my client's embargoed screenplay,' his attorney J. Neil Lanzi declared." (Lanzi helps writer find agents and legal representation in California)

### *Community Activities*

Active in the community, when not with his grandchildren, bicycling or playing golf, Mr. Lanzi has served as either an advisor or on the boards of charitable organizations, including GB Charities, Inc. a 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to helping children deemed "at risk" obtain scholarships to parochial schools in the Baltimore metropolitan area, STARS, a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting children with special needs and Progressive Horizons, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities. A proud alumnus, Mr. Lanzi regularly supports Calvert Hall High School's alumni activities. Mr. Lanzi has been a long time member of the Towson Elks Lodge and Country Club of Maryland where he regularly serves on various committees. First and Franklin Street Presbyterian Church (choir; former elder and trustee)