# Richard B. Somach

#### Member

Richard Brent Somach focuses his practice on real estate, commercial law, and creditors' remedies, representing real estate development companies, shopping centers, and local banks.

In the banking area, Richard assists clients with their transactional, litigation, and operational needs, and handles collections, foreclosures, and complex commercial workouts.

Richard has represented real estate owners, developers, and investors in a broad range of real estate transactions, including zoning matters, subdivisions, and shopping center development.

A licensed title insurance agent, Richard is the founder of the title insurance and settlement company ABE Settlement Services, creatively serving client needs. He is legal counsel to the Greater Lehigh Valley REALTORS®, a trade association that represents nearly 3,000 real estate professionals.

As a former Assistant Lehigh County Solicitor, Richard advised the Sheriff's Office, the Tax Assessment Office, and the Tax Claim Bureau. He frequently writes and lectures on real estate matters, including sheriff's sales, real estate tax sales, and lien priority issues, for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. He has also presented numerous lectures at the annual Real Estate Institute program.

Active in many community organizations, Richard is a past president of the Salisbury Township School Board. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Monroe County Bar Association, and the Lehigh County Bar Association, serving the latter as President in 1992.

Richard collects antique automobiles and has represented several valuable collections, as well as many local automobile and motorcycle dealerships.

## Areas of practice

Banking & Financial Services

Bankruptcy, Creditors' Rights, and
Financial Restructuring

Construction Law

Municipal Law

Real Estate, Finance, and Land Use

#### Education

Hofstra University Law School

J.D.

Lehigh University

B.A., with honors



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## ■ Professional Affiliations

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Monroe County Bar Association

Bar Association of Lehigh County

President, 1992

## Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Middle District of Pennsylvania

U.S. Supreme Court

