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**Practice Areas**

Land Use, Zoning & Municipal Law, Real Estate Law

**Profile:**

Stephen J. Orens is Of Counsel with McMillan Metro, P.C. with areas of expertise in Real Estate Law and Land Use, Zoning, and Municipal Law. For over 35 years in private practice, he has represented builders, developers and individual property owners navigating the development approval and permitting processes as well as dealing with code enforcement problems. Steve has always understood that client service and straightforward communications are what matters most to clients and that he can best serve clients when a trusting professional relationship with elected officials and government regulators has been established. He cherishes professional relationships and recognize that integrity is what his clients expect.

Steve practices “administrative agency litigation” and the clients that he serves include production builders, custom builders, individual property owners and real estate developers, among other commercial clients who are interacting with state or local government regulators. His previous background in the public sector as a Senior Assistant Montgomery County Attorney and Administrative Hearing Examiner provide insight into the laws governing land use and development in both Maryland counties and municipalities and the process by which those laws and regulations are implemented. Steve appears regularly before elected officials as well as planning and zoning authorities and other regulatory agencies and, when absolutely necessary, in court. Steve’s clients can expect integrity and professional guidance.

**Education:**

B.A., Hofstra University  
J.D., American University, Washington College of Law

**Admissions:**

Maryland  
District of Columbia  
Supreme Court of the United States

United States District Court for the District of Maryland

**Memberships & Activities**

Active member of LANDS – the Legal Action Network for Development Strategies

Life Director of the Maryland Building Industry Association

Member and past chair of the State and Local Government Law Section of the Maryland State Bar Association

**Honors & Awards:**

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating, 2016

Joseph C. Rodgers Award for Outstanding Associate Member – MNCBIA 2003

Rosemary Colston Award for Outstanding Service and Leadership – The Treatment and Learning Centers  
1993 and 2011