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McNees Attorney Jeffrey Esch McCombie Participates in Land-Use Webinar Series



HARRISBURG, PA (Feb. 19, 2016) – McNees attorney Jeffrey Esch McCombie co-presented during a 75-minute webinar which took place on January 20. Esch practices in the Firm's Real Estate Group, focusing on land-use matters.

The webinar kicked off the 2016 Winter/Spring Land-Use Webinar series offered by Penn State Extension and provided insight into the recent *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* Supreme Court case and its implications for municipal sign ordinances.

"In the *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Gilbert's sign code violates the First Amendment pertaining to the core First Amendment requirement of content neutrality by placing greater restrictions on 'temporary direction signs,' including those directing the public to a church," said McCombie. He provided an analysis of the Supreme Court opinion and how it affected sign ordinances and other, unrelated ordinances, for municipalities.

As a member of the McNees Real Estate and Oil & Gas Practice Groups, Esch focuses his practice on land use matters and assists his clients in reaching favorable zoning and land development outcomes. He assists commercial developers, large-scale residential developers, educational institutions and other businesses by navigating them through land use requirements and regulations set at the local, county, state and federal levels.

He received his J.D. from the Dickinson School of Law and his undergraduate degree from The Pennsylvania State University. He is admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

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