

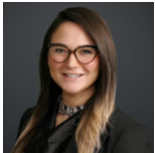
McNees Attorney Joins Babst Calland In Harrisburg

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(by James Boyle)

An attorney with nearly 10 years of experience representing clients in commercial real estate development and transactions has moved her practice to Babst Calland Clements and Zomnir PC's Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, office after more than four years with McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC.



Kate W. Millikan has been welcomed to Babst Calland as senior counsel in the corporate and commercial practice group in the Harrisburg office, the firm announced Thursday. Millikan told Law360 Pulse she has been with the firm for about a month and is "happy and pleased" about her addition to the firm.

Millikan said her decision to move to Babst Calland sprouted from a business trip to Pittsburgh. She was in town closing a transaction for a client and stayed with a friend from law school who practices at Babst Calland. They talked about the firm, and those conversations turned into an opportunity for Millikan to join a team of attorneys she held in high regard.

"There are a lot of attorneys at Babst Calland I know personally and professionally, through our overlapping years of practice," Millikan said. "The quality of their personalities as individuals and as legal practitioners played a huge part in my decision to move. It is hard to find people to work with whom you like and are good at their jobs."

Babst Calland's strong reputation for its commercial real estate practice also played a key role in Millikan's decision to join the firm, she said. Her work largely focuses on managing the legal requirements for the development of condominiums and mixed-use communities, and Babst Calland has the resources she needs to expand her practice, Millikan said. "Babst Calland's clientele are front-runners in commercial development, including data center projects," Millikan said. "This is a win-win situation for both of us, where I can help their clients and they can help my practice."

Millikan's practice represents clients from all sides of commercial real estate transactions and development, including builders, investors, and lenders and guides projects through financing, land use and zoning permits and regulatory approvals. She has been involved in development projects throughout Pennsylvania and in New Jersey and North and South Carolina, Millikan said.

"I am heavily focused on commercial real estate, with a special emphasis in commercial condominiums and mixed-use planned community development," Millikan said. "I draft the declarations forming and the ancillary documents governing commercial condominiums and large-scale planned communities, such as shopping centers, 55 and older communities, developments featuring retail and residential uses, office complexes, and industrial sites."

Millikan said she enjoys the tangible aspects of her practice, where she can get involved with a development project on the ground floor and see her efforts result in physical buildings and neighborhoods in a matter of years.

"I get to see concept plans and help build the strategy to make them happen," Millikan said. "In three to four years, I can see what I pictured come to life. I also enjoy the challenge of helping the project adapt to changes as they evolve."

Donald C. Bluedorn II, managing shareholder of Babst Calland, said in a statement to Law360 Pulse on Friday that the firm is "very pleased" to add Millikan to the Harrisburg office.

"Kate is a well-respected real estate lawyer with experience in managing complex commercial transactions and property development matters," Bluedorn said. "She will be a tremendous asset to our firm and clientele, especially in serving the needs in the development or redevelopment of multi-unit residential, commercial, industrial, and mixed-use projects."

Millikan earned her law degree from Penn State Dickinson Law in 2015 and started her legal career as an associate with Martson Law Offices. She moved to McNees Wallace & Nurick in February 2018, then left the firm to practice at Troutman Pepper Locke in December 2019. In April 2022, Millikan returned to McNees Wallace's Harrisburg office.

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