

**Board of Zoning Adjustment Case No. 18417
550 Penn Street, NE**

**Outline of Testimony
Steven E. Sher, Land Planner**

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EDUCATION:

Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, 1969, Bachelor of Arts
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Cornell University, 1971, Master of Regional Planning

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Director of Zoning and Land Use Services, Holland & Knight, LLP
2000 - present
Director of Zoning Services, Wilkes, Artis, Hedrick & Lane, Chartered
1985 - 2000
Executive Director, Zoning Secretariat, District of Columbia
1977 - 1985
Deputy Director, Zoning Division, Municipal Planning Office, District of
Columbia
1975 - 1977
Acting Secretary to the Board of Zoning Adjustment, District of Columbia
1976
Urban Planner, D.C. Zoning Commission, D.C. Office of Planning and
Management, D.C. Municipal Planning Office
1972 - 1975
Renewal Coordinator, District of Columbia Zoning Commission
1972 - 1973
Acting Secretary to the District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Project Planner, District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Planning Intern, Frederick P. Clark Associates, Planning and Development
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1970
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APPEARED AS EXPERT WITNESS:

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
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District of Columbia Mayor's Agent for D.C. Law 2-144
Zoning Hearing Examiner, Montgomery County, Maryland
Montgomery County (Maryland) Planning Board
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia
Superior Court of the District of Columbia

AREAS OF INTEREST AND/OR SPECIALIZATION:

Land use planning
Zoning, subdivision and other control of land use
Urban design
Urban transportation planning

ORGANIZATIONS:

American Planning Association (1971-present)
Greater Washington Board of Trade (1986-2000)
 Planning and Development Committee (Vice-Chairman for Zoning and
 Regulatory Affairs) (1987-8)
 Community Development Bureau Steering Committee (1987-9)
 PUD Task Force (Chairman) (1987)
 Comprehensive Plan Task Force (1987-8)
 Downtown Revitalization Committee Housing Team (1988)
Mayor's Commission on Downtown Housing (1988-89)
Downtown Partnership Downtown Development District Task Force
 (1989-90)
Lambda Alpha (honorary land economics society) (1990-present)
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Metropolitan Development
 Citizens Advisory Committee (1997-2004)
District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan Assessment Task Force (2002-
 2003)
District of Columbia Comprehensive Plan Revision Task Force (2004-2006)
District of Columbia Zoning Advisory Committee (2003-2008)
District of Columbia Zoning Review Task Force (2007-present)

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