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Mark Looney specializes in representing property owners and national, regional and local developers on all aspects of the land planning, zoning and development process. He serves as a strategic advisor and guide to help secure the necessary approvals required for office, retail, industrial, mixed-use, residential, healthcare, hotel and large planned community projects.

Mark has been recognized as one of the region's preeminent land use/zoning attorneys by Chambers USA, Band 1 (2015-2021) and Band 2 (2011-2014) and as a member of the #1-ranked Real Estate practice in Northern Virginia (2008-2020); Best Lawyers in America (2013-2020); Virginia Business Magazine "Legal Elite - Virginia's Best Lawyers," (2014-2015) and Legal 500 Real Estate: Land use/zoning.

Among the rezonings, concept plans, development plans and special exceptions on which Mark recently has worked are:

- Reston Station and Reston Station Promenade - mixed-use development containing approximately 3 million square feet near the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station.
- Brookfield Office – 3.5 million square feet of mixed-use development adjacent to the Reston Town Center Metrorail Station.
- Campus Commons – 12-acre mixed-use project within a quarter mile of the Wiehle Reston Metro Station, includes a total of 1,353,724 square feet of existing and new development.
- Reston Town Center – 450-acre, 7 million+ square foot mixed-use Town Center District located along the Dulles Toll Road in Fairfax County.
- Spectrum at Town Center – 750,000 square foot office/hotel, 1,450 residential unit mixed-use redevelopment.
- Excelsior Parc – 457-unit, two-building luxury condominium tower.
- Avant at Reston Town Center – 359-unit high-rise luxury rental apartments.
- Parc Reston – Redevelopment/conversion of 700-unit redevelopment complex in Reston, Virginia.
- Signature Site – Mixed-use development containing 200,000 square feet of office, 560 residential units and 40,000 square feet of retail.
- Penn Daw Plaza – Redevelopment of suburban shopping center into a mixed-use community of 450 residential units with ground-floor retail in Alexandria, Virginia.
- Fairfax Circle – Redevelopment of suburban shopping center into a mixed-use community of 400

residential units with grocery-anchored, ground-floor retail in Fairfax City, Virginia.

- General Dynamics Corporation – Corporate headquarters facility for Fortune 100 company in Reston, Virginia.
- Bozzuto Reston Station – Redevelopment of mini-storage and warehouse site into transit-oriented, mixed-use development of 400 residential units and ground-floor retail adjacent to the Reston East transit station in Reston, Virginia.
- Greensboro Park Place – 480-unit transit-oriented, mixed-use development in Tysons, Virginia.
- Elm Street – 240-unit mixed-use development in downtown McLean, Virginia.
- JLB Dulles Tech – 460-unit multifamily development in Herndon, Virginia.
- JLB Trinity Centre – 355-unit multifamily development in Centreville, Virginia.
- StoneSpring Medical Center – Medical campus with 164-bed general acute care hospital and 400,000 square feet of medical office in Loudoun County, Virginia.
- Reston Hospital Center – 225,000 square feet of office space and 152-bed expansion and enhancement of medical campus in Reston, Virginia.
- Dunn Loring/Merrifield Metro Station – 720-unit transit-oriented, mixed-use development, including 125,000 square feet of ground floor retail and commuter parking, in Fairfax County, Virginia.
- Belvoir Corporate Center – 200,000 square-foot secure office campus adjacent to Fort Belvoir in Lorton, Virginia.
- Tall Oaks Village Center – Redevelopment of 70,000 square foot shopping center with 156 residential units and 13,500 square feet of retail.

Education

George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law School
JD, 2000

James Madison University
BA, 1991

Admissions & Credentials

Virginia

Rankings & Accolades

Chambers USA: Band 1 for Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use – Virginia: Northern (2020 – 2023)

Legal 500: Recognized for work in Real Estate and Land Use & Zoning

Best Lawyers in America

Washingtonian: Washington's Top Lawyers (2015)

The Virginia Business Journal: Legal Elite Real Estate/Land Use (2014)

The Washington Business Journal: One of the region's preeminent Land Use/Zoning Attorneys, "Young Gun" (2008), "Top Zoning Lawyer" – Finalist (2009)

The Virginia Business Journal: "Legal Elite – Virginia's Best Lawyers"

Richmond Magazine: "Rising Star"