



## EARL ADAMS JR.

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#### SERVICES

Litigation  
Commercial Litigation  
Real Estate Services  
Regulatory Compliance and  
Government  
Opportunity Zones and  
Qualified Opportunity Funds

#### INDUSTRIES

Real Estate  
Energy  
Renewable Energy  
Insurance

Earl Adams, Jr. is a partner and co-chair of the firm's Regulatory, Compliance and Government service group. Capitalizing on nearly 15 years of experience in both the private sector and government, Earl understands the intricacies of government and works with regulators and legislators to advance client goals and to protect their interests. He helps clients navigate complex government regulatory and administrative legal issues and regularly represents them before all branches of state and local government, including some federal agencies. His practice focuses on four distinct areas: regulatory approvals; enforcement actions; compliance; and advocacy before both the executive and legislative branches.

Prior to joining Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, Earl was of counsel with a global law firm and served as Chief of Staff to Maryland's Lieutenant Governor. In that government role, he led a team of professionals in advancing administration priorities with the Maryland General Assembly, local governments and federal agencies.

## EXPERIENCE

- Advised multi-national company before Maryland Public Service Commission related to largest renewable energy project in state
- Managed client's outside development team to secure local land-use regulatory approvals for acute-care facility
- Represented coalition of business owners to amend local environment ordinances related to the siting of gas stations
- Advised national demolition and remediation company in settlement negotiations with state environmental protection agency
- Advised title insurance company in enforcement action before state insurance administration
- Served as outside compliance counsel on campaign finance and lobbying regulations for multi-national publicly-traded company
- Negotiated sale of state-owned land to community development corporation in public-private partnership transaction
- Secured passage of significant legislation involving personal property taxes on behalf of national heavy equipment company
- Advised next generation transportation company on acquisition of federal

right-of-way and railroad regulation.

## HONORS

Named to BTI Client Service All-Star Attorneys, 2018

Named one of *Baltimore Business Journal's* "40 Under 40," 2015

Named to the *Maryland Daily Record's* VIP list, 2011

Named 2016 Alumnus of the Year DC Metropolitan Chapter, Morehouse College Alumni Association

2016 Class Leadership Greater Washington

2011 LEADERship Class of the Greater Baltimore Committee.

## MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Director, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) (Appointed by Governor of Maryland)

Director, SEED School of Maryland (Appointed by Governor of Maryland)

Director, Prince George's Parks Foundation

Member, President's Advisory Council, Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC)

Chairman, *Blue Ribbon Commission to Advise on Structural Deficit* (Appointed by Chair of the Prince George's County Council)

Boston College Law School Alumni Association

- President, 2017
- National Officer, 2013-2016

Member, Legal Review Team, US Department of Veterans Affairs Transition, 2008 Obama-Biden Transition

## EDUCATION

J.D., Boston College Law School, 2002

M.P.A., Harvard Kennedy School, 2002

B.A., Morehouse College, 1997, *cum laude*

## BAR ADMISSION

District of Columbia

Maryland

# FIRM MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

Co-Chair, Regulatory, Compliance and Government Service Group

Member, Government Involvement Committee