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## Biography

Attorney Steven A. Robins chairs Lerch, Early & Brewer's Land Use & Zoning Law practice group. He has extensive experience representing a diverse group of clients including developers, contractors, lenders, businesses, technology firms, landlords and property owners in all areas of real estate law, land use, zoning and development law, commercial law, administrative law and lobbying.

Steve has advised clients on numerous complex zoning map and text amendments, optional method of development applications, master plan amendments, comprehensive land use planning and zoning analyses, special exception and variance applications, preliminary and final plans of subdivisions, site plan review, condemnation matters, historic preservation and urban renewal issues, transit-oriented Smart Growth development, and on all aspects of regulatory permitting and licensing process. Steve often lectures on Smart Growth and other related topics.

Steve served on the Character Committee for the Court of Appeals of Maryland. He was Chairman of the Board of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and currently serves as a life board member. He is a graduate of the Leadership Montgomery Class of 1991 and an active member in the Urban Land Institute and the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association. Steve also served as Counselor to the Board of the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington and as President of the Ring House, a senior housing facility. Since 2001, he has served as Chair of the Montgomery County Public Safety Awards.

Steve received his undergraduate degree in political science, with distinction, in 1983 from the University of Michigan. He received his law degree in 1986 from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he served as an editor of the *American Criminal Law Review*.

Steve is admitted to practice law in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia and is a member of the Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, and Montgomery County Bar Associations.

Steve has been named to the current edition of *Best Lawyers*, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession for his work in the area of Land Use and Zoning Law. He has been named every year since 2007.

Steve recently was named the region's "Top Lawyer for Land Use and Zoning" by *The Washington Business Journal*, which writes that Steve's job "allows him to help his clients through every step of a development: negotiating terms with various stakeholders, getting appropriate permits, beginning construction and — eventually — cutting the ribbon." Steve says, "It's like putting together a huge jigsaw puzzle." (WBJ, 9/18-24/09).

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**Birth Information:**

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**Education:**

- Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, District of Columbia, 1986  
J.D.  
Editor, American Criminal Law review
- University of Michigan, 1983  
B.S.  
Honors: With Distinction  
Major: Political Science

**Honors and Awards:**

- Winner, *Washington Business Journal* "Top Washington Lawyers" Award, Zoning and Land Use category, 2009
- Included in the current edition of "Best Lawyers in America" in the field of Land Use and Zoning, 2007-present
- *Washington SmartCEO Magazine, Legal Elite*, 2007
- Finalist, *Washington Business Journal* "Washington's Top Lawyers" Award, Zoning and Land Use category, 2006

**Bar Associations and Professional Organizations:**

- Maryland Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Virginia Bar Association
- Montgomery County Bar Association
- Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce  
Past Chairman of the Board, 2003-2004
- Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce  
Chair, Public Safety Awards, 2001-Present
- Maryland Technology Council
- Urban Land Institute
- Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association
- Montgomery County Planning Board's Transportation Policy Report Task Force
- Board of the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington  
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- Leadership Montgomery Class of 1991