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#### Practice Areas

Land Use, Planning, Zoning And Development  
Administrative Law - State and Local  
Code Enforcement  
Real Estate

#### Education

Bishop Barry High School (Valedictorian)  
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