

# ACCESSING RECORDS AND ADVOCATING FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC

## RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW AT NAUMAN SMITH

For 150 years, the attorneys of Nauman Smith have been committed to serving and defending their clients with excellence. We stand time-tested and equipped for new challenges. This state of preparedness and confidence is reflected most completely in our Right-to-Know Law practice area.

The Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law (RTKL) provides for access to public records of state and local agencies. Nauman Smith's attorneys represent print and broadcast media, businesses, and citizens seeking access to public records, as well as public agencies seeking to comply with the law and its companion statute, the Sunshine Act. Our attorneys are recognized state-wide as authorities in both open records and meetings issues.

### **Our full range of services include, but are not limited to:**

- Analysis of whether records are subject to public disclosure
- Analysis of Right-To-Know Law exceptions
- Assistance with or making requests for public records
- Representation in appeals in the Office of Open Records, Court of Common Pleas, the Commonwealth Court, and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- Mediation in the Office of Open Records
- Drafting extension and response letters on behalf of public agencies
- Review of records and preparation of exemption logs and privilege logs
- Advice to local agencies on compliance

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*“The Right-to-Know Law empowers regular people to discover information about the government. It allows the public to figure out why the government takes the actions that it does. The Right-to-Know Law is important because ordinary people can bring to light information that’s not generally known.”*  
- Josh Bonn

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