

Practice Areas

Appellate

Corporate Law

Government Services

Land Use & Zoning

Litigation

Municipal, Townships & Counties

Outside General Counsel Services

Real Estate

Sports & Entertainment

Bar Memberships

Ohio

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Yaz counsels and advises both public and private clients in a wide-array of business and real estate issues as a trusted outside general counsel. On the litigation side, Yaz focuses his practice on assisting clients with land-use and zoning, eminent domain, real estate tax, and development disputes in state and federal courts. Yaz has successfully represented his clients as lead counsel in jury trials, bench trials, and through pre-trial motion practice in various state and federal courts.

In addition to his trial work, he has successfully represented clients in appellate proceedings in front of numerous administrative agencies, state courts of appeals, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Ohio Supreme Court. Yaz has briefed and handled over 30 appellate matters, and presented oral argument on multiple occasions in state and federal appellate courts.

With long-range vision and decisiveness, he is both a counselor and trusted advisor who assembles the right team around client issues in order to maximize the firm's resources for efficient and notable outcomes. Yaz is also on the FBT Gibbons' Board of Directors and the Partner-in-Charge of the firm's Columbus office.

Other Info About Yaz

Experience

Law Director for the City of Powell, Ohio

Law Director for the Village of Johnstown, Ohio

Village Solicitor for the Village of Marble Cliff, Ohio

Village Solicitor for the Village of Hanover, Ohio

Deputy Law Director for the City of Dublin, Ohio

Outside General Counsel for The Ohio State University Alumni Association

Education

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, J.D., 2012

The University of Texas, B.S., Sport Management, Business

Courts

United States District Court

Southern District of Ohio

Northern District of Ohio

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Recognition

Selected to *Columbus Business First's* 40 Under 40 Class of 2026

Selected to *Columbus CEO's* 2025 Top Lawyers list, Municipal Law

Selected for inclusion in "Ohio Leading Lawyers," presented by *Ohio Business Magazine*, 2024

Selected to Ohio Rising Stars, 2019-2026

The Best Lawyers in America – Litigation – Municipal, 2027; Municipal, 2026-2027; Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, 2027

The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, 2021-2025

International Municipal Lawyers Association Amicus Service Award Winner

Professional Affiliations

Columbus Bar Association Advisory Counsel, Co-Chair

Federal Bar Association – Columbus Chapter, Board Member

Columbus Bar Services, Board Member

Ohio State Bar Association, Litigation Section Member

Ohio State Bar Association, Real Property Law Section Member

Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution, Managing Editor, 2010-2012

Ohio State Sports & Entertainment Law Association, Vice President

Columbus Bar Association, Member

Ohio State Bar Association, Member

Civic Activities

First Tee – Central Ohio, Board of Directors Member; Executive Committee Member; Chair of Governance Committee

Leadership Columbus, Class of 2020

Mentoring and More @ Moritz

Leadership Dublin, Class of 2017

Law & Leadership Institute, Mock Trial Coach

The Ohio State Moritz College of Law Lawrence Negotiation Competition Judge

Columbus Preparatory Academy, Board of Trustees (2016-2018)

Columbus Arts & Technology Academy, Board of Trustees (2016-2018)

Firm Committees

Columbus office, Partner-in-Charge

Associate Recruiting Committee, former Member

Client Experience Team, Member

Innovation Team, Member

Presentations

Co-Chair and Presenter for Ohio Eminent Domain Conference – Land Use & the Constitution: An Advanced Course in Condemnation Law, May 2023

Eminent Domain Conference – Eminent Domain Institute, CLE International, May 2018

National Business Institute Seminar Presenter on Land Use, Zoning, and Development: Getting Government Approvals, November 2017

Presented Case Law Update at Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association 2013 Winter Law Seminar

Major Publications

"Ohio Tax Talk: Property Tax Bill May Affect School Revenues," *Law 360 Tax Authority,* Nov. 29, 2021

"Traffic Cameras Being Considered by Legislature and Courts," *Cities & Villages,* July/August 2014

Featured Articles

The Briefing | Commercial Development Industry

Ohio Modernizes and Simplifies Public Construction Contractor Selection and Project Administration

Short-Term Rental Bans Are Back in the Takings Spotlight

New Procedure for Valuing Federally Subsidized Rental Property in Ohio

Is Your Multifamily Housing Project Subject to an Impact-Fees Schedule? If So, the Fee Might Be Unconstitutional

Private Equity in Health Care: Three Takeaways Going Forward

Are Your Traffic-Impact Fees Tied to Your Land-Use Interests and Roughly Proportional to the Development's Impact on Those Interests? If Not, They Should Be

Supreme Court of Ohio Delivers Victory for Public Bodies in Open Meetings Act Case

Ohio Tax Talk: Telework Case Shows Tax Grounds Eroding

The Yin and the Yang of Delaware Corporate Law

Ohio Tax Talk: Unpacking The New Property Tax Procedures

Ohio Tax Talk: How Small Business Relief Would Work

Ohio Tax Talk: Property Tax Bill May Affect School Revenues

Sixth Circuit: City's placement of a park entrance was not a taking under the Fifth Amendment

Ohio Launches Special COVID-19 Property Valuation Complaint Process

Sixth Circuit applies Reed v. Town of Gilbert to offsite commercial billboard advertising adult bookstore

Ohio Supreme Court Clarifies the Requirements for Certain Expedited Annexations

State Board of Education Approves the Transfer of a Home from Columbus City Schools to Westerville City Schools

Supreme Board of Sign Review: Supreme Court Declares Provisions of Town's Sign Code Unconstitutional

Charity Bins are a form of Communication, according to the Sixth Circuit

Ohio Supreme Court Decision Makes Future of Local Fracking Regulations Unclear

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