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Thad represents clients in diverse matters related to state and local government, with an emphasis on land use and economic development issues, including municipal annexation, development agreements, and zoning applications. Thad's variety of experience and his practical approach to helping clients solve problems informs his service as general counsel to the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority and law director for the City of Canal Winchester, Ohio.

In addition to advising his clients on public law matters, Thad's litigation experience in state and federal courts includes defense of appeals and constitutional claims arising from local zoning decisions; Ohio Supreme Court litigation on local taxation, economic development, and elections issues; and representations in front of state and local agencies, including the Ohio power siting board.

Thad is a regular speaker and author for the Ohio Municipal League and Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association on a variety of local government law topics.

Thad's Relevant Experience

Legal Work Highlights

City of Athens, et al. v. McClain, Tax Commissioner, et al., 163 Ohio St.3d 61, 2020-Ohio-5146, 168 N.E.3d 411 (Ohio 2020): represented over 160 Ohio municipalities in a constitutional challenge to Ohio law that required centralized collection of local business income taxes and allowed the state to retain a percentage of those local taxes as a compulsory "fee" for the State; obtained a decision

finding that the "fee" was unconstitutional and secured a refund from the State of over $600,000 for the municipalities.

City of Worthington (Ohio) Northeast Gateway project (2019-Present): represents the City of Worthington in 10 approrpiations proceedings in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas to enable a major street realignment entering the city's industrial gateway.

Rice v. Village of Johnstown, Ohio Fifth District Ct. of Appeals Case No. 2020CA0023 (2021); U.S. District Ct. Case No. 2:19-cv-504 (S.D. Ohio 2021): successfully defended village in state-court administrative appeal and in federal due process claim under 42 U.S.C. §1983, obtaining dismissal of state-court appeal and federal action in district court.

Ebersole v. City of Powell, 5th Dist. Delaware No. 18CAH 020013: represented the City of Powell, Ohio, including briefs and oral arguments to the Ohio Fifth District Court of Appeals in case arising from administrative appeal and declaratory judgment actions challenging City land-use decisions. The Fifth District held in the City's favor and dismissed the appeals against the City.

State ex rel. Grove City Law Director v. Lee-Elle Management LLC, Franklin County Environmental Court No. 2017 EVH 60433: public nuisance declaratory judgment and injunctive action; obtained temporary restraining order for closure of motel with drug, solicitation, and felony activity.

City of Dublin v. Haimbaugh, Franklin County Environmental Court No. 2017 EVH 60605: public nuisance declaratory judgment and injunctive action; obtained judgment permitting demolition of fire-damaged nuisance residential structure.

City of Upper Arlington v. Cameron, et al., Franklin County Court of Common Pleas No. 14CV-4639: quiet title and declaratory judgment action resulting in summary judgment for City allowing it to sell unused right-of-way.

City of Upper Arlington v. Simpson, et al., Franklin County Environmental Court No. 2013 EVE 60023: foreclosure action on contempt judgment following property owners' failure to comply

with injunction to abate property maintenance code violations; forced sale resulted in $45,000 payment to City as well as payments to the State, County, and Federal governments for unpaid taxes and assessments.

Other Info About Thad

Education

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

Miami University, B.A., 2009, *cum laude*, University Honors

Courts

Ohio Supreme Court

Ohio Courts of Appeal

Ohio Trial Courts

United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

Recognition

The Best Lawyers in America® – Land Use and Zoning Law, 2026; Municipal, 2026

The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch®, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, 2021-2027; Land Use and Zoning Law, 2021-2027; Municipal Law, 2021-2027

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

Selected to Ohio Rising Stars, 2021-2026

Professional Affiliations

Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association (OMAA)

International Municipal Lawyers Association

Columbus Bar Association

Ohio State Bar Association

American Bar Association

Ohio State University Alumni Association: Ohio State Law Journal (2010-2012; Articles Editor 2011-2012); Moot Court Team, Corporate Law (2012)

Leadership Upper Arlington (2015 Class; Board President 2017-2018)

Ohio State Bar Association Leadership Program (2019 Class)

Leadership Dublin (2020)

Civic Activities

Leadership UA Board of Directors (2015-Present; Vice President 2016-2021)

Oakstone Community School, Board of Trustees (2016-2021)

Upper Arlington Civil Service Commission (Member, 2018-Present)

Presentations

Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association Conference, Member of Model Sign Ordinance Drafting Committee and Panelist (2016)

Ohio Municipal League, Income Tax Seminar (2018)

Major Publications

Author, "The First Amendment Protects Profanity in Yard Signs—Even for "the Queen-Mother of Dirty Words," Ohio Municipal League White Paper, October 2020.

Author, "FCC Small-Cell Ruling Adds Federal Restrictions on Local Decision-Making." Ohio Municipal League Cities & Villages. November/December 2018.

Co-Author with Stephen Smith, "Hotels Straining City Services" Cities and Villages Magazine, Ohio Municipal League, January/February 2018.

Featured Articles

Ohio HB 479 to Narrow Confidentiality Rules for Economic Development Assistance

Ohio Court Holds that Short-Term Rental Businesses in Residential-Only Zoning Districts Can Be Lawful

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

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

Issue 2: The Impact on Local Government Laws and Zoning

Community Reinvestment Area Act Major Overhaul for Ohio

U.S. Supreme Court Gives Local Government Rare Win in Regulation of Billboards

Revisions to Statute Governing Centralized Municipal Business Tax Collections to Take Effect for Tax Year 2022

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

COVID-19 Impacts Open Meetings, Tax Collection, and Limitations Periods in Ohio

Watson v. Pearson: Qualified Immunity and Curtilage Searches

State Cannot Use Funding Cut to Compel Municipalities to Follow State's Procedures for Red-Light Cameras

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