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Phil serves his clients in the areas of general municipal law, land use and zoning, eminent domain, real estate acquisition, annexation, home rule charter drafting, economic development and administrative appeals. He counsels a wide-variety of clients from cities, villages and the private sector. Phil also serves as General Counsel (i.e. Law Director) for the cities of Hilliard and Pickerington, advising the cities on day to day issues and all other matters.

Phil currently serves as the International Municipal Attorneys Association's ("IMLA") Regional Vice President (Representative for the 6th Circuit) and is the past State of Ohio Representative. Phil also served as President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Board Member of the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association ("OMAA") from 2012- 2018. Phil often oversees amicus briefs prepared on behalf of the Ohio Municipal League and the International Municipal Attorneys Association relating to various municipal issues.

Prior to joining the firm, Phil was the co-chair of the Public Law Practice Group at an Am Law 200 firm.

Other Info About Phil

Education

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, J.D., 1992

Capital University, Cum Laude, B.A., 1989

Courts

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

United States District Court – Southern District of Ohio

Recognition

The Best Lawyers in America©: Land Use and Zoning, 2020-2027; Municipal Law, 2026-2027; Real Estate, 2020-2027

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

International Municipal Attorneys Association, Regional Vice President and Representative for the 6th Circuit (Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee), 2010-present

International Municipal Attorneys Association, State of Ohio Representative, 2008, 2009

Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association, Past President, 2016

Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association, President, 2015

Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association, First Vice President, 2014

Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association, Second Vice President, 2013

Nonprofit Excellence Award, Ohio House of Representatives, 2012

Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars®, 2005, 2006

Professional Affiliations

Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association

International Municipal Lawyer Association

American Bar Association

American Planning Association

Ohio State Bar Association

Ohio Municipal League

Ohio Planning Association

Ohio City Manager Association

Columbus Bar Association

Civic Activities

Dublin Food Pantry, Board of Trustees

Cancer Support Community, Board of Trustees

Pickerington Chamber of Commerce, Member

Parkview at Goodale Park Condominiums, President Board of Trustees

Parkview at Goodale Park Condominiums, Former Board of Trustees

Columbus Bar Association Mentoring Program, Former Mentor

Firstlink, Inc., Former Board of Trustees

Ronald McDonald House Charities, Former Young Professional Board

The Wellness Community of Greater Columbus, Former Board of Trustees

Bexley Architectural Review Board, Former Member

Bexley Board of Zoning Appeals, Former Member

Presentations

“Liability of Municipalities and Municipal Officials,” Ohio Municipal League, Newly Elected Council Seminar, March 2014.

Moderator for the Ohio Municipal Attorney Association Winter Law Seminar, Dublin, Ohio, December 13, 2013.

“Case Law Update” Ohio Municipal Attorney Association Winter Law Seminar, Dublin, Ohio, December 13, 2013.

“Public Private Partnerships” International Municipal Lawyers Association – IMLA Annual Conference, San francisco, california, September 30, 2013.

“Social Networking: Challenges for Municipalities,” Ohio Municipal League – OML Annual Conference, Columbus, Ohio, September 26, 2013.

"Social Media Issues for City Officials," The Mayor's Association of Ohio Annual Conference, Canton Ohio, June 5, 2013.

"Eminent Domain: Strategies and Tactics in Right-of-way Acquisition and Eminent Domain Litigation," Presenter, International Right of Way Association, Plain City, Ohio, October 26, 2012.

"Open Meetings and Public Records Law," OML Newly Elected Council Members Seminar, March 2012.

"Eminent Domain: Processes and Pitfalls," Co-Presenter, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, Ohio, March 9, 2011.

"Adoption and Amendment of Zoning Ordinance and Map," National Business Institute, Practical Guide to Zoning and Land Use Law, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 7, 2014.

"Drafting Resolutions and Ordinances," Auditor of the State of Ohio, 16th Annual Local Government Officials' Conference, April 1, 2015.

Featured Articles

Short-Term Rental Bans Are Back in the Takings Spotlight

Proposed Ohio Bill Would Require Local Police to Assist in Immigration Actions

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

New Law Permits Local Law Enforcement Agencies to Charge Additional Fees for Certain Public Records Requests

Ohio Supreme Court Ruling Opens the Door for Legal Challenges to Ordinances that Criminalize Feeding Feral Cats and Dogs

Sixth Circuit Considering Whether Placing a Water Lien on a Property Could Violate the Fair Housing Act

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

Ohio Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Online-Streaming Providers on Municipal Fee Issue

U.S. Supreme Court Clarifies the Difference Between Government Speech and Government-Provided Public Forums

Sixth Circuit: Township Tree Ordinance Violates Fifth Amendment

Ohio Supreme Court Clarifies the Requirements for Certain Expedited Annexations

Supreme Court of Ohio strikes down red-light camera restrictions

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

The City of Cleveland Fumbles in Applying Municipal Taxes to NFL Players

House Bill 47: Another Step towards Eliminating Open Container Restrictions within Designated Areas

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