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Scott is passionate about helping communities become the absolute best places they can be to live, work and play. He is privileged to be a law director, solicitor, and special counsel for numerous communities in southwestern Ohio. In those roles, Scott counsels and advocates for clients. He also represents owners and developers in land use, zoning and eminent domain matters.

Scott enjoys spending time with his wife Jenny and five children and doting on his grandchildren. He also is committed to serving at his church and with community organizations. On a nice day, you'll find him with a fly rod in his hand trying to land that elusive 30-inch trout.

Scott's Relevant Experience

Highlights

Represented the State of Ohio in 50-plus eminent domain actions involving alleged flooding of farm lands.

Obtained an injunction on behalf of a township to prevent the operator of a kids' play place and paintball facility from also operating as a teen nightclub.

Successfully prosecuted protest to Board of Elections on behalf of a township client related to initiative petition.

Defended client in high-profile zoning case that resulted in the right to develop a social service agency, despite City Council and neighborhood opposition.

Implemented and successfully defended challenge to first development moratorium by statutory township in the State of Ohio.

Defended a township and successfully resolved a lawsuit brought by a mosque when its proposed project was denied.

Assisted several local governments in large economic development projects.

Represented a village's interests in a highly publicized BZA proceeding regarding the establishment of an underground limestone mine in a neighboring jurisdiction.

Represented an urban school district in numerous contentious and highly publicized zoning disputes.

Defended a township in an administrative appeal regarding a property owner's non-vested right to construct a fireworks retail store.

Brought lawsuits on behalf of various governmental entities in products liability cases related to piping, resulting in multimillion-dollar settlements.

Defended a city in a multiyear zoning dispute related to building a multimillion dollar home.

Other Info About Scott

Work History

Law Director, Solicitor and Special Counsel for southwest Ohio townships – Liberty Township (Butler County); Deerfield Township (Warren County) (previous); Washington Township (Montgomery County); the Village of Indian Hill (Hamilton County); the City of Hamilton, Ohio (Butler County, Ohio); Butler Township (Montgomery County); Harrison Township (Montgomery County, Ohio).

Assistant Law Director for West Chester Township, Ohio.

Education

American University Washington College of Law, J.D., *with honors,* 1989

Southern Methodist University, B.B.A., *with honors*, B.A., *with honors,* 1984

Clerkships

Law Clerk, Honorable Robert D. Potter, U.S. District Court, Charlotte, North Carolina, 1989-1991

Recognition

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

Selected to Ohio Super Lawyers, 2017-2025

The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation, 2010-2027; Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, 2011-2027; Litigation – Municipal, 2011-2027, "Lawyer of the Year," 2018, 2022; Land Use and Zoning, 2012-2027, "Lawyer of the Year," 2019, 2020, 2027

Frost Brown Todd Mentor of the Year, 2012

Professional Affiliations

Cincinnati Bar Association

Ohio State Bar Association

Butler County Bar Association

Civic Activities

CityLink Center, Board Member

OneCity Foundation, Board Member

Crossroads Community Church, Core Group Member

OneCity for Recovery, Board Member

Greater Cincinnati United Way, Past Executive Committee Member

Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy, Executive Committee of Board of Directors

Cincinnati Christian University, Past Board Member

Cincinnati Works, Past Board Member

Butler County Republican Party, Past Executive Committee Member

Greater Miami Valley YMCA, Past Board Member

West Chester Township Zoning Commission, Past Chairman

Cincinnati United, Past Soccer Coach

CityCure, Past Board Member

Vineyard Community Church, Past Elder Board Member

West Chester/Liberty Chamber of Commerce, Past Government Relations Committee

West Chester Boys and Girls Club, Past Board Member

Northern Cincinnati Foundation Member

Firm Committees

Practice Group Leader, Government Services

Former Member-in-Charge, West Chester Office

Office Recruiting Partner

Former Recruiting Committee Chair

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