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SERVICES

Legal Professional Responsibility and Ethics

EDUCATION

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, J.D.
Carleton College, B.A.

LICENSED TO PRACTICE

Ohio
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

RECOGNITION

AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell

LEGAL LEADERS

OVERVIEW

Chris, a partner with the firm's Business Services Group, has been providing transactional and litigation legal services to clients for more than 40 years. He represents municipal and private clients on both public sector issues and real estate transactions, including the purchase and sale of real property, lease of real property, land use, development and zoning, real estate tax valuation and tax exemptions, and appropriation of real property. As a municipal attorney, Chris served as law director of Pepper Pike for 23 years (1989-2011) and served as the law director of Moreland Hills for seven years (1989-95), providing general legal counsel and transactional and litigation services for these municipalities. He has represented clients before various state and federal trial and appellate courts. Chris has also represented clients before various county boards of revision and the Ohio Board of Tax Appeals on real estate tax matters. Chris is currently the designated general counsel for the firm, providing advice in legal ethics, professional conduct, conflicts, and other client representation issues.

EXPERIENCE

MUNICIPAL LAW

- Served as law director of Pepper Pike for 23 years and served law director of Moreland Hills for seven years, providing general legal counsel and transactional and litigation services for these municipalities
- Represented numerous municipalities and public entities in Northeast Ohio in litigation and various non-litigation public law issues
- Represented a municipality before the Common Pleas Court, Court of Appeals and Ohio Supreme Court, defending single family residential zoning on a 114-acre parcel
- Represented a municipality before the Probate Court and Court of Appeals on the authority of a municipality to take property for a public purpose
- Represented a municipality in a zoning case before the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, the Eighth District Court of Appeals and the Ohio Supreme Court concerning minimum acreage requirements for single family lots

REAL ESTATE

- Represented numerous private and public entities on purchase and sale of real property
- Represented privately held businesses and public entities before the Board of Revision and Ohio Board of Tax Appeals, resulting in tax valuation reductions and refund of taxes

ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Member, Northeast Ohio Law Directors Association