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David K. Otis is a partner in the firm's East Lansing office who practices in the areas of municipal law, governmental affairs, legislative and regulatory affairs, administrative law, and general liability. He concentrates his practice in the area of municipal litigation and represents cities, townships and counties in actions involving violation of civil rights, employment, zoning, Whistleblowers Act, Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act among others.

Mr. Otis is a member of the Ingham County Bar Association, the Public Corporation, Real Property and Corporations, Finance and Business Law sections of the State Bar of Michigan and the Business Law and Administrative Law sections of the American Bar Association. He is also a member of the Defense Research Institute.

Mr. Otis graduated with honors from Thomas M. Cooley School of Law in 1980. He earned his undergraduate degree with honors from Michigan State University in 1976.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENT WORK

- City of Lansing – law enforcement, civil rights and public employment litigation
- Meridian Township – land use and zoning litigation
- City of Ypsilanti – law enforcement, civil rights and public employment litigation

NOTABLE CASES

- Newman Equities v Meridian Township, 264 Mich App 215 (2004)

Areas of Practice

- Administrative & Regulatory Law
- Direct Representation of Municipalities
- Fire Loss Claims
- Government Affairs
- Municipal Law
- Zoning & Land Use

Honors & Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating-AV. AV is a registered certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties, Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies.

Education

- Michigan State University, 1976, B.A., with honors
- Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 1980, J.D., with honors

Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1980

- *Velting v Cascade Township*, Court of Appeals unpublished, No. 250946, May 5, 2005
- *Sharp v City of Lansing*, 464 Mich 792 (2001)
- *Federated Publications v City of Lansing*, 467 Mich 98 (2002)
- *Manistee Salt Works Development v City of Manistee*, U.S. Dist Ct, Western District of Michigan, Case No. 4:04-CV-95

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Ingham County Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan (Public Corporation, Real Property and Corporations, Finance and Business Law sections)
- American Bar Association (Business Law and Administrative Law sections)
- Defense Research Institute, DRI

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS (Past and Present)

- Past Member of Catholic Social Services Board of Directors (St. Vincent's Home of Lansing)
- Past Member of East End Condominium Association, President (1983-84) Vice President (1981-83)
- Past Member of Adjunct Faculty, Western Michigan University, Department of Public Administration
- Past Member of Disciples Ridge Condominium Association, Boyne Mountain (2004-2005)

Case Studies

- Plunkett Cooney helps municipality preserve environment along Lake Michigan's coastline

Publications

- Proper Application of Zoning Laws Results in Dismissal of \$800 Million Claim