

## DAVID K. OTIS



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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
- Foodservice & Hospitality Industry Group
- Government Affairs
- Municipal Law
- Zoning & Land Use

#### Honors & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America® for Municipal Law (Copyright 2010 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.), 2010-2011
- Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating-AV Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated. AV Preeminent is a certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell® certification procedures, standards and policies.
- Michigan Super Lawyer in Government/Cities/Municipalities; Michigan Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters publication, 2008 - 2011

#### Education

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

#### 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- *Velting v Cascade Township*, Court of Appeals unpublished, No. 250946, May 5, 2005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)
- DRI - The Voice of the Defense Bar

## OTHER MEMBERSHIPS (Past and Present)

- St. Vincent's Home of Lansing (Past Member; Catholic Social Services Board of Directors)
- East End Condominium Association (Past Member; President 1983-84; Vice President, 1981-83)
- Boyne Mountain ( Past Member, Disciples Ridge Condominium Association, 2004-2005)

## Academic Positions

- Western Michigan University (Former Adjunct Faculty, Department of Public Administration)

## 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

## News

- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2011
- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2010
- Plunkett Cooney attorneys named Among 'Best' in America' 2011
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