

Public Law

Roetzel's Public Law team brings extensive experience to where the public and private sectors intersect. As Law Directors for numerous local governments and agencies across Ohio, we have a deep understanding of the political landscape and are adept at crafting effective, realistic strategies that help our clients achieve their goals.

Our Public Law team's collective experience provides a unique understanding of challenges and opportunities to our clients. We work with cities, counties, libraries, municipalities, port authorities, public hospitals, school districts, and public housing authorities. Backed by the resources of our environmental, labor, tax, securities, real estate, zoning and land use, and litigation practice areas, we are equipped to manage any issues that may arise.





What We Do

- Handle administrative law matters
- Support affordable housing initiatives
- Address constitutional issues
- Facilitate economic development projects
- Manage government contracting and procurement processes
- Navigate government relations
- Advise on public finance
- Provide counsel on public policy matters
- Oversee real estate transactions
- Interpret and apply statutory construction
- Manage zoning and land use approvals

Our Experience

- Serve as law director for over 40 Northeast Ohio local governments and agencies
- Establishment and administration of federal, state, and local Political Action Committees (PACs)
- Representation of a major utility company on federal, state, and local matters
- Representation of a major financial institution in Congressional legislation
- Representation on state government affairs matters for:
 - o Global research-based pharmaceutical corporation
 - o Telecommunications services and products
 - o Global automotive company
 - o Diversified conglomerate
 - o Construction trade association
 - o Nonprofit community correction halfway house
 - o Statewide architectural / engineering firm
 - o Technology procurement corporation
 - o Office technology provider
- Representation of Public Housing Authorities (PHA)

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- Assistance with government contracting and procurement process by identifying opportunities, reviewing RFP responses, building responsive teams, managing bid challenges, handling contract disputes, and addressing regulatory compliance matters
 - Counsel local communities on land use, labor and employment, fair housing, and environmental issues, as well as matters relating specifically to local governments (public records, open meetings, emergency services, ethics law, elections law, firearms law, etc.)
 - Counsel municipal and regional political subdivisions on public procurement, project management, real estate acquisition, lease agreements, utility service agreements, interface with other governmental entities, including EPA and Army Corps of Engineers, public records, open meetings, home rule, ethics law, internal procurement process audits and political subdivision tort immunity
 - Negotiated various agreements with private landowners and public agencies to allow for a community improvement corporation to redevelop a landfill
 - Represented large water and sewer utilities in northeast Ohio in the negotiation of water and sewer service agreements
 - Negotiated confidential settlement between local government and water utility monitoring system manufacturer over alleged product defects
 - Advised large water and sewer utilities on issues of service areas, rate setting, and regulatory compliance issues