

Roetzel Adds Shareholders Brian Fox and Nick Ziepfel to Public Law Group

CINCINNATI (October 10, 2022) – Roetzel & Andress is pleased to announce the addition of shareholders Brian W. Fox and Nicholas J. Ziepfel to the firm. Fox and Ziepfel have joined the Public Law Group and will be in the Cincinnati office.

“We could not be more enthusiastic about the arrival of Brian and Nick and what it means for the continued growth of Roetzel’s Public Law Group and our Cincinnati office,” said Roetzel Chairman Bob Blackham. “With the combination of their legal skills, we further solidify our position in the market and are uniquely positioned to guide clients on the opportunities and obstacles that impact their organizations.”

“We are happy to welcome both Brian and Nick to our growing office in Cincinnati,” said Lewis W. Adkins, Jr., Practice Group Manager of the Public Law, Regulatory and Finance Group. “They each have over a decade of experience that will bring immediate value to our team and clients.”

As a member of the Public Law group, Fox advises public sector clients, including the State of Ohio, counties, cities, townships and school districts, on economic development projects, eminent domain, zoning code revision, compliance and litigation, Sunshine Laws, the Open Meetings Act, and a variety of constitutional issues.

Fox’s court room experience is extensive, as he has first-chaired bench and jury trials across Ohio. For private sector clients, he advises business owners, nonprofits and religious institutions on matters of entity formation and raising capital, mergers and acquisitions, business transactions and contract disputes, shareholder derivative actions and commercial litigation.

Fox earned his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and his B.A. in political science from Miami University. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Butler County Port Authority and is the City of Madeira’s appointed Law Director/Solicitor.

Ziepfel represents local governments, school districts, and public utilities on Ohio’s Sunshine Laws, Open Meetings Act, public funding procedures, economic development matters, real estate disputes, eminent domain, annexation, litigation, and zoning drafting and compliance. He has significant experience advocating in federal and state court and before governmental agencies, including the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Commerce, OSHA, DOL, OCRC, and the EEOC. Ziepfel is no stranger to the bargaining table and resolving grievances in both public and private union workplaces. In the private sector, Ziepfel often drafts and enforces restrictive covenants for employers and trains human resources staff, supervisors, and employees to proactively mitigate employment disputes.

Ziepfel earned his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and his B.S. in business and economics from Miami University. Ziepfel serves as the City Attorney for the City of Trenton and also serves on a variety of non-profit boards in Butler County, including the Greater Hamilton Chamber of

Commerce, the Hamilton Community Improvement Corporation, the Hamilton Economic Development Corporation, the Fitton Center for Creative Arts, and Community First Solutions.

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