

# **JEFFREY D. PORTER**

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2002-Present      Kegler Brown Hill and Ritter      Columbus, Ohio**

*Associate Attorney*

Administrative Law Group, Creditors Rights and Bankruptcy Group

*Practice Areas:*

Administrative Law, Governmental Affairs and Municipal Law, Creditors Rights and Bankruptcy; Insurance Liquidation, Liquor Law and Collections.

*Duties Include:*

Represent clients before various government administrative bodies. Represent clients in various litigation matters involving disputes related to insurance matters, including liquidation issues. Assist clients regarding issues before the Ohio Liquor Commission and Division of Liquor Control. Assist clients with code and regulatory compliance issues.

**1997-2002      Office of City Attorney Janet E. Jackson      Columbus, Ohio**

*Assistant City Attorney*

Business and Regulations Section and Claims Division

*Representative Clients:*

City Council, Board of Zoning Adjustment, Columbus City Treasurer, Finance Department, Income Tax Division, Public Safety, Purchasing Office, Public Service, License Section, Department of Development, Charitable Solicitations Board.

*Duties Included:*

Management of litigation case files, including zoning, tax, bankruptcy, construction, and liquor license matters. Represented the City in the various courts of the State of Ohio, both at the trial and appellate level, including the Supreme Court of Ohio. Provided advice and counsel to City officials related to zoning and annexation matters. Advised the Department of Development on the review of variance applications. Reviewed for form and legality City contracts in conjunction with the City's Procurement department. Reviewed City Council ordinances and resolutions in accordance with the City Code and Charter. Drafted various contract provisions, ordinances and pleadings associated with the day-to-day operations of the City. Attended various meetings, including City Council meetings, to provide advice and counsel. Acted as a liaison between City leaders and the general public in relation to legal issues facing the City government.

**1996-1997      Cheek and Zeehandelar, LLP      Columbus, Ohio**

*Associate Attorney*

*Member of:*

Subrogation and Collections Division

*Representative Clients:*

State Farm Insurance, Motorists Mutual Insurance Company, Grange Insurance Company

## **EDUCATION**

1989-1993                      **Muskingum College**                      **New Concord, Ohio**

Bachelor of Arts    Major: History    Minor: Speech Communications 1996

Graduated Cum Laude

President Debate and Forensics; Student Senate Treasurer; Editor, Yearbook

1993-1996                      **Capital University Law School**    **Columbus, Ohio**

Juris Doctor, 1993

Order of the Curia

Moot Court Team; Member, Student Finance Committee

## **PROFESSIONALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Attended States Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys Conference 1999-2002

Presented programs regarding tax and collections law to the Ohio Municipal League, Income Tax Administrators Conference 1999, 2001.

Presented various programs involving bankruptcy and collections law to the National Association of Credit Managers Group of Central Ohio.

Successfully argued City of Columbus Division of Income Tax v. New Plan Realty Trust before the Ohio Supreme Court 94 Ohio St3d 193.

Candidate, Franklin County Municipal Court Judge, 2005.

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

*Member of:*

United Way Young Leaders Group

Columbus Cancer Clinic's Young Professionals Group

Committee Chair - Wine Around the World Fundraiser for the Columbus Cancer Clinic

Make-A-Wish of Central Ohio's Young Professionals Group

*Volunteer for various political campaigns including, but not limited to:*

Janet Jackson, Columbus City Attorney

Patsy Thomas, Columbus City Council

Bill Hedrick, Candidate Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge

Frank Macke, Candidate Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge

*Participated in:*

Columbus Race for the Cure, UNCF Walk-a-thon and the Night Moves Charity Race.