

PRACTICE FOCUS



Porter assists clients in the hospitality industry, the government and the private sector, with regulatory and business law issues, including zoning and land use, insurance and liquor law. He joined the firm in 2002.

Administrative Law

Jeff assists clients in obtaining necessary operating permits and licenses and represents clients in violation hearings before the Ohio Liquor Control Commission and in administrative appeals of decisions of state and local agencies that affect their businesses. Accordingly, he advises buyers and sellers in liquor permit/asset acquisitions and he advises clients on multi-state liquor licensing requirements.

Government & Legislative Affairs

Jeff is an experienced lobbyist, who regularly advocates clients' interests before state and local officials. He also adds value to his client relationships by monitoring legislation and advising them on recent changes that can affect their businesses. Jeff also monitors and advises clients on ethics disclosures and lobbyist registration matters.

Land Use, Planning

Jeff advises clients on zoning and land use matters of all kinds, including eminent domain and annexation proceedings. He also assists clients by obtaining variances and re-zoning on their behalf.

Health Information Technology

Porter advises clients on the regulation of the healthcare industry at the federal and state level with an emphasis on pharmacy and health information technology. He monitors state and federal legislation in order to advise clients regarding today's ever-changing healthcare landscape. Other areas of focus include compliance with the HIPAA and patient privacy and security issues.

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Administrative Law

Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy

Gaming Law

Government & Legislative Affairs

“Drive thy business or it will drive thee.”

- Benjamin Franklin



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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Selected as an “Ohio Rising Star” by *Law & Politics Magazine*.

Former Assistant City Attorney for the City of Columbus and member of the Business and Regulations section of the Columbus City Attorney’s Office from 1997 to 2002. Represented the City of Columbus Department of Development on issues related to the interpretation, enforcement and application of the City Code to various development projects throughout the city of Columbus.

Successfully argued *City of Columbus v. New Plan Realty Trust* (94 Ohio St.3d 193) in front of City Supreme Court of Ohio. Case held that dividends paid to shareholders by real estate investment trust (REIT) were not deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses for municipal income tax purposes.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of Columbus and Ohio bar associations

National Association of Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Attorneys, sustaining member

Global Alliance of Hospitality Attorneys, member

LeaderSpark Inc., Board of Trustees, member

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Tax and collections law presentations, Ohio Municipal League Income Tax Administrators Conference, presented 1999 & 2001

PUBLIC SERVICE

Appointed City of Columbus Civil Service Commissioner, 2007

Candidate, Franklin County Municipal Court Judge, 2005

United Way Young Leaders Group

Equality Ohio, Equality Council, member

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate (1996)

Capital University Law School

Order of the Curia; Moot Court Team Member; Student Finance Committee

Bachelor of Arts, History (1993)

Muskingum College

Cum laude