

John D. Pinzone

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Mr. Pinzone is a partner with MRR Law and focuses his practice on public sector law, employment law, and school law. He defends government entities such as counties, municipalities, townships, villages, social service

agencies, and school districts. He has extensive experience handling litigation in state and federal courts relating to civil rights, employment, complex land use and zoning, and personal injury.

John has successfully defended matters on behalf of political subdivisions, law enforcement agencies, and school districts involving claims of constitutional violations. He also has extensive litigation experience defending against constitutional claims involving jail inmates.

John has successfully litigated lawsuits involving challenges to the constitutionality of governmental zoning for residential and commercial properties. He has also had the opportunity to review zoning and land use regulations and advise planning commissions, zoning boards and city council regarding the application of such regulations.

John has successfully represented school districts and school district personnel in a wide variety of legal claims involving personal injury, civil rights, and educational regulations. He uses his significant experience in school litigation to provide preventative assessments and training. His litigation experience in this area allows him to perform independent, formal, and thorough investigations pursuant to Title IX and in relation to claims of discrimination and harassment.

Prior to joining MRR, John worked as a staff attorney and administrative counsel for the Ohio Eleventh District Court of Appeals.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 11th District Court of Appeals, Staff Attorney (2003 – 2006)

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Civil Rights & Government Liability
Employment & Labor Law
Public Sector Law
School Law
Zoning & Land Use

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

EDUCATION

- J.D., 2002, Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
 - o cum laude
- B.S., 1999, The Ohio State University

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Geauga County Bar Association

PRESENTATIONS

- Numerous presentations to governmental entities and school districts relating to litigation prevention
- *Municipal Law Update*, Ohio Municipal Attorney Association (Spring 2013 conference)
- Multiple presentations and seminars before governmental employees regarding risk management and employment law issues

PUBLICATIONS

- *United States Supreme Court's New Open-Door Policy for Federal Taking Claims*, Your House Counsel Insurance and Corporate Liability Defenses Reporter (2023)
- *Know Your Defects*, OACTA 2012 Fall Quarterly. An examination of a political subdivision's immunity under R.C. § 2744.02(B)(4) the physical defect exception
- *MRR Prevails on Appeal in Drowning Case – Decisive Defense*, MRR's Legal Blog (2011)
- *The Affordable Prescription Drugs Act: A Solution for Today's High Prescription Drug Prices*, Cleveland Marshall College of Law Journal of Law and Health (2001)