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EDUCATION

J. D., 2002, Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

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B. S., 1999, The Ohio State University

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

Mr. Pinzone focuses his practice on public sector law, employment law, and school law. He also provides legal assistance in relation to complex land and zoning issues. He defends government entities such as Counties, Municipalities, Townships, Villages, Social Service Agencies, school districts, and other local authorities. He has extensive experience handling litigation in state and federal courts relating to civil rights, employment, complex land use and zoning, and personal injury.

Mr. Pinzone 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.

Mr. Pinzone has successfully litigated lawsuits involving challenges to the constitutionality of governmental zoning for residential and commercial properties. Mr. Pinzone 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.

In addition, he represents and defends school districts and school district personnel. He has successfully defended and resolved a wide variety of legal claims involving personal injury, civil rights, and educational regulations. Mr. Pinzone has also advised school district personnel and board members as to the application of school regulations and statutes.

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

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Aurora Partners III v. City of Aurora (Portage County Court of Common Pleas)



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- Bulman v. City of Chardon (Geauga County Court of Common Pleas)
 - Contreras v. Village of Bettsville (Seneca County Court of Common Pleas)
 - Falzone v. Village of Bratenahl (United States District Court Northern District)
 - Jamison v. City of Warren (United States District Court Northern District and Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas)

 - Lausin v. Richmond Hts. Bd. of Education (United States District Court Northern District)
 - Lucas v. City of Strongsville (Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas)
 - Savoca v. Village of Walton Hills (Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas)
 - Schmitt v. Berea City Schools (Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas)
 - Wilson v. City of Aurora (Portage County Court of Common Pleas)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Geauga County Bar Association

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Eleventh District Court of Appeals, Staff Attorney (2003-2006)

PRESENTATIONS

- “Ohio Municipal Attorney Association 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

- “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” (2001)