

John T. McLandrich

Partner



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Mr. McLandrich focuses his practice on representing municipalities, including defending cases on behalf of police and public entities alleging violations of civil rights as guaranteed by the First, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to

the United States Constitution. For over 40 years he has handled matters including claims of jail suicide, police pursuit, false arrest, malicious prosecution, wrongful conviction, denial of medical care, excessive force by police officers including officer-involved shootings, and failure to properly train police officers.

John represents civil defendants in federal and state courts throughout Ohio in addition to serving as lead trial counsel in both state and federal courts. He represents clients in class action matters of all kinds, including municipalities relating to class action sewer cases.

John represents clients with respect to public records and open meeting claims and issues, including the unanimous landmark case of *Rhodes vs. The City of New Philadelphia*, 129 Ohio St. 3d 304 (2010) where the court ruled seeking a monetary forfeiture does not make someone aggrieved under the statute.

John provides coverage counsel to public entity insurance pools and to insurance carriers regarding public entity claims.

John's appellate experience consists of briefing and arguing hundreds of matters, including cases before the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Districts and Ohio Supreme Court, including eight favorable decisions before the Ohio Supreme Court. He also has served as lead counsel arguing more than 100 public entity appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, including several successful qualified immunity appellate rulings on behalf of police officers and public officials.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate
Business & Commercial Law
Civil Rights & Government Liability
Directors & Officers Liability
Labor & Employment Law
Professional Liability & Licensing
Public Sector Law
Zoning & Land Use

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION

- J.D., 1983, Case Western Reserve University Law School
- B.S. in Economics, 1979, John Carroll University

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)



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Civil Rights Law
Cleveland, Ohio

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REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE.

- Defense of public entities regarding civil rights violations of all types. Defense of police and municipal defendants in cases involving police shootings, wrongful conviction, excessive force, malicious prosecution and many other claims
- Lead counsel in land use and zoning related matters, including alleged deprivation of plaintiff's Fifth Amendment rights asserting an unconstitutional taking of property without just compensation by virtue of application of zoning laws and ordinances
- Defense of class actions of all kinds, including defective municipal sewers
- Defense of employers (private and public entities) in claims asserted by former or current employees alleging violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Family Medical Leave Act and Ohio Civil Rights Act (FMLA)
- Defense of collective actions under Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act (FACTA)
- Represent employers in proceedings with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC) and Ohio's State Employment Relations Board (SERB)
- Argued appeals in the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Districts and Ohio Supreme Court
- Successfully defended against a number of petitions for writs of certiorari
- Defense of Administrative Appeals to Common Pleas Courts regarding zoning and permit related issues

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- AV® Preeminent™ rating from Martindale-Hubbell Directory
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers* in Civil Rights Law since 2012
- Named "Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers* for Civil Rights Law – Cleveland in 2014 and 2025
- Named an "Ohio Super Lawyer" for Municipal Law by *Super Lawyers* magazine since 2017

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- Provides training to public entities, including training to new sheriffs in the State of Ohio on behalf of the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSAs)

