

Land Use and Zoning Matters

- Represented Fortune 500 companies including multiple fast food restaurants and oil companies in appearances before Planning Commissions, City Councils, Township Boards and Board of Zoning Appeals in obtaining rezonings, site plan approvals and variances to permit the development of restaurants and gas stations.
- Represented national restaurant chain in proceedings before the State of Michigan Barrier-Free Design Board involving claims that restaurant bathroom facilities were not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and State Handicap Civil Rights Act.
- Represented national fast food chain in proceedings before the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in order to obtain construction approval to locate a new restaurant in a 100 year flood plain.
- Represented national fast food chain in condemnation proceedings involving municipal road widening projects.
- Represented restaurant property owner in dispute with adjoining property owner involving use restrictions which could limit development for a competing restaurant use.
- Represented restaurant property owner in dispute with national big box retail developer in claims involving big box retailers' attempts to limit access to the restaurant property during demolition/reconstruction of the adjoining big box shopping center site.
- Represented national restaurant chain in defending litigation brought by adjoining property owners alleging that the proposed restaurant development on a shopping center out parcel resulted in an overburdening of the easement involving a shared driveway.
- Represented restaurant property owner in dispute with adjoining property owner involving cross access and cross parking agreement rights.
- Represented property owners in obtaining revisions to private subdivision deed restrictions which otherwise limited the use of the property to residential use.
- Represented property owners in vacating "paper" streets and public alleyways in order to permit development of the clients' property.
- Represented property owners in boundary disputes involving disputed claims to property based upon adverse possession and/or prescriptive easement claims.