

Gary L. Dovre

Gary L. Dovre has been counseling and representing municipalities since becoming an attorney in 1977. His extensive knowledge and experience in all aspects of municipal law allows him to provide practical legal guidance to clients on their day-to-day operations and the new issues or challenges they may confront. While Mr. Dovre's primary work is for municipal clients, his background includes and allows for effective counseling and representation of private clients in his areas of expertise where there is no conflict with municipal clients and interests of the firm.



Mr. Dovre's municipal practice areas include Contracts, Real Estate, Property Taxes, Special Assessments, Tax Tribunal, Wireless Communications, Telecommunications/Right-of-Way, Cable and Video Franchises, Building/Construction Codes, Zoning and Planning, Land Division and Condominium Acts, Open Meetings and Freedom of Information Acts, Licensing, Administrative Proceedings, and Ordinances. Mr. Dovre's extensive experience in the litigation of claims by and against municipalities in the State and Federal courts allows him to provide timely analysis and recommendations on claims, possible results, realistic objectives, and available litigation/settlement strategies.

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Practice Areas

- Municipal Law
- Zoning and Planning
- Real Estate
- Contracts

Education

- BA - Michigan State University - 1973
- JD - Detroit College of Law (now Michigan State University College of Law) - 1977

Professional Activities/Memberships

- State Bar of Michigan - Public Corporation and Real Property Law Sections
- Oakland County Bar Association - Municipal Law Committee Member and Past-Chairperson
- Prior Contract Panel Mediator for Oakland County Circuit Court
- Prior State Bureau of Construction Codes Approved Instructor

Awards

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America in Municipal Law for 2010 through 2017
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America in Litigation-Municipal for 2011 through 2017
- Super Lawyer designation in the field of State, Local and Municipal by Thomson Reuters from 2007 through 2017

- 2014 – Best Lawyers' Municipal Law- Detroit area "Lawyer of the Year"
- 2013 - Selected for Best Attorneys in Michigan by American Registry
- Named Top Lawyer by DBusiness Journal/Hour Detroit magazine in Municipal Law for 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017

Publications/Presentations

- Authored "Whose Road is it Anyway?" for Laches, the Oakland County Bar Association's monthly publication
- Authored Land Use Litigation and Law of Nonconforming Uses seminar material for National Business Institute Land Use Law Update in Michigan
- Authored "Expediting Land Use Decisions" for Laches, the Oakland County Bar Association's monthly publication
- Michigan Local Government Management Association - Amending Michigan's Constitution - The Constitutional Convention Option
- Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan Homeward Bound Seminar - Telecommunications and Real Estate
- Oakland County Building Officials' Association regarding Building Code Administration
- National Business Institute Land Use Law Update in Michigan