

"I am proud of our team collaboration, high level of expertise and counsel provided to our clients which enables them to serve their communities with sound judgment and confidence."

-Timothy J. Currier

Tim Currier is recognized as one of the leading experts in School and Municipal law in the State of Michigan. His knowledge and experience has assisted school districts and municipalities to plan and implement effective strategies to ensure their success now and in the future. Tim provides sound, straight-forward and practical advice with a hands-on approach. Using the client's goals and needs as the foundation of the legal services and advice, he becomes one of the team in the implementation of the strategic approach agreed upon.

Tim has represented a number of public and private clients in labor, employment and construction law matters. He is the Birmingham City Attorney and also represents the Birmingham Area Cable Board, the Intergovernmental Cable Communications Authority and the Bloomfield Village Association. Tim also is ethics counsel to the Wayne County Airport Authority.

Tim also represents school district clients on various matters, including grievances, labor arbitration and teacher tenure matters. He has extensive experience representing school districts with respect to student discipline, real estate transactions, civil rights and wrongful discharge matters, election procedures (including recall elections), municipal finance, intergovernmental relations, special education, environmental issues and construction litigation. He is the attorney for Dearborn Public Schools and also represents Lapeer Area Community Schools, Lincoln Consolidated Schools and Troy School District.

Tim serves as an arbitrator for FINRA (Financial Regulatory Authority), and he is a certified construction arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association.

Tim holds the prestigious honor of being named Distinguished Municipal Attorney of the Year in 2012 by the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys. He was also named "Lawyer of the Year" in 2015 by Best Lawyers in America.

### **Accomplishments**

- Beier Howlett, Chief Executive Officer, 1995-Present
- Distinguished Municipal Attorney of the Year, 2012 Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys (MAMA)
- Selected as a member of Leading Lawyers and a part of the Leading Lawyers Advisory Board, 2014
- 2015 "Lawyer of the Year" in Municipal Law and Municipal Litigation by Best Lawyers
- Best Lawyers in America, 2010-Present
- Michigan Super Lawyer 2006-Present
- dbusiness Top Lawyers
- President of the Michigan Counsel of School Attorneys 1990-1992
- American Arbitration Association, Certified Construction Arbitrator
- Financial Regulatory Authority (FINRA), Arbitrator



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### **Education**

University of Detroit,  
J.D., 1978  
University of Notre  
Dame, B.A. 1975

### **Admitted to Practice**

Michigan, 1978  
United States District Court for  
Eastern District of Michigan,  
1978  
Supreme Court of the United  
States of America, 1982  
United States Court of Appeals  
6th Judicial Court, 1993

### **Practice Areas**

Municipal Law  
School Law  
Probate  
Estate Planning

- Martindale Hubbell AV Rating

### **Cases**

- Pure Waters, Inc. v. City of Birmingham, 883 F Supp 1999 (ED Mich 1995) (successful defense of the City's NPDES Permit)
- In the Matter of William F. Dart Trust, Ingham County Probate Court (Complex trust litigation issues)
- Kulak v City of Birmingham, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals (No. 04-1510, June 19, 2005) (Successful defense of City's removal of a Planning Board Member)
- Harbor Telegraph, 2103, LLC v City of Birmingham, Oakland County Circuit Court (Complex litigation including 425 agreement, annexation and detachment issue)
- Bloomfield Estates Improvements Association v City of Birmingham, Michigan Supreme Court (Docket no. 130990, 2007) (Deed restriction issue)
- Daisey Bickel et al v. Korean Airlines, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals (Docket number 94- 1098, 1996) (Issues regarding the applicable law of damages resulting from the shoot down of KAL 007 by the Soviet Union.)

### **Publications**

- The Protective Order, 69 Michigan Bar Journal, 540 (1990)
- Petition for protective order by spouse for authorization to sell and by home and protective order, Michigan Pleading and Practice §112.13 and §112.15

### **Seminars**

- City of Birmingham, "The Ethics Ordinance" (2003-2011)
- Bloomfield Community Television, "Legally Speaking," Cable Television Law (2002)
- Main Street Oakland County (MSOC), Design Workshop on "Design Review: What's Legal" (2002)
- Michigan Municipal League, "The Michigan Telecommunications Act: From Birmingham to the MPSC Collaborative Process" (2001)
- Wayne State University Graduate Program, "Resolving and Managing Public Disputes" (2000)
- WDIV, Due Process panelist on School Law (1997)
- Panelist for WKBD/Fox 50 "Straight Talk" on "Teacher Strikes: Tough Penalties Hit an Old Law" (1994)
- Michigan Association of School Boards – Counsel of School Attorney on "The Recall Election" (1990)

### **Bar Activities**

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
- Oakland County Bar Association (Public Advisory Committee on the Qualifications of Judicial Candidates 1996-2005)
- Michigan Counsel of School Attorneys
- Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys
- National School Boards Association, Counsel of School Attorneys

### **Community Activities**

- Notre Dame Club of Detroit (President, Vice President, Alumni Senate)
- Brother Rice Alumni Association (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Director)