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Practice Areas

Torts & Litigation

Liquor Liability

Governmental Law

Direct Representation of
Municipalities

Video & Cable Franchising

Retail Liability

Motor Vehicle Negligence

Trucking Liability

Crisis Response Team

Foodservice & Hospitality
Law

Premises Liability

Religious Institutions Liability

Residential Liability

A partner in the firm's Bloomfield Hills office, Robert A. Marzano is a member of Plunkett Cooney's Torts & Litigation Practice Group who concentrates his practice in the areas of food service and hospitality law, municipal law, premises liability and real estate law.

Mr. Marzano represents several national retailers, hotel chains, restaurants, religious institutions and apartment complexes in disputes involving premises liability claims, security guard litigation, dramshop/liquor liability issues, general negligence claims, mold litigation, third-party auto negligence claims and trucking litigation. He also routinely handles catastrophic accidents involving gas stations, parking lots and premise design.

Mr. Marzano has handled numerous litigation and non-litigation matters involving food contamination, food borne illness claims, packaging defect claims, and claims related to foreign materials in food. He routinely litigates matters involving dramshop/liquor liability and also handles liquor license requirements involving application, renewal and transfer process, as well as license violations.

Education

- Michigan State University
College of Law, cum
laude, J.D., 1995
- Michigan State
University Law
Review, Managing
Editor
- Clark, Klein, &
Beaumont Award for
Alternative Dispute
Resolution

Mr. Marzano's municipal law experience includes currently serving as the City Attorney for the city of Plymouth and formerly for the city of Northville. Apart from his typical duties as a city attorney, Mr. Marzano also handles specialized matters which include zoning issues, telecommunications matters, election law issues, charter revisions, and annexation issues on behalf of municipal and private-commercial clients.

ROBERT A. MARZANO Cont.

- Research, Writing, and Advocacy Instructor
- Michigan State University, B.S., 1992

Admissions

Michigan, 1996

Representative Client Work

- Election Commissioner for two municipalities
- Served as counsel for a Charter Revision
- Handled various complex election issues
- Handled various land use and zoning matters for both private entities and municipalities
- Handled annexation matters for private entities
- Represents several national retail companies in various aspects of commercial and premises litigation
- Negotiated cable franchises on behalf of municipalities

Professional Affiliations

- ALFA International (Hospitality Law Committee)
- Council on Litigation Management (Michigan State Chair; Premises Liability Committee Member)
- State Bar of Michigan (Negligence Law Section)

Publications and Lectures

- "Premises Liability Trends: Michigan," Co-presenter, CLM, Oct. 8, 2024
- "Civility in the Law," Presenter, ALFA International Hospitality and Retail Regional Conference, Chicago, Aug. 28, 2023
- ALFA International 2021 Hospitality & Retail Law Compendium, Author, Michigan Chapter
- "Taking Advantage of Michigan's Broad Economic Loss Doctrine," Author, Michigan Defense Quarterly, Volume 15, No. 4, 1999.
- Various lectures on issues dealing with premises liability, automobile/trucking liability and municipal issues

Honors & Recognitions

- Best Lawyers in America® for Personal Injury Litigation, 2026