

William B. Beach

SERVICE AREAS

Governments + Nonprofits

- Economic Development
- Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreements
- Public Law - Powers, Open Meetings + FOIA
- Public/Private Partnerships
- Zoning + Planning

EDUCATION

- Wayne State University Law School, J.D.
- Bowdoin College, B.A.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- Michigan

LANGUAGES

- Spanish



Senior Counsel

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William B. Beach's practice comprises all aspects of real estate, intergovernmental agreements, state and federal financing incentives and tax credits. He also specializes in general governmental corporate law covering development and redevelopment of land through public and private partnerships, municipal boundary changes, and international government trade and business.

EXPERIENCE

Bill currently serves as city attorney for the cities of Rockwood and Milan, and has been special assistant city attorney to Royal Oak, Muskegon, Troy, Lansing, Grosse Pointe and many other municipalities across the state. He has represented Oakland County in condemnation work and was a special assistant attorney general for the state of Michigan in the same area. He was formerly city attorney for Southfield and supervising assistant corporation counsel in charge of financing and development for the Detroit Law Department. A frequent lecturer on municipal law, he has published numerous articles on that subject. He wrote the chapter on incorporation, annexation and other boundary changes in the Local Government Law and Practice in Michigan.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Domestic Telecommunications Projects
Domestic telecommunications projects including TCI, Bresnan Communications, cities of Rockwood, Seattle, Pontiac, Mattawan, Southfield, and Detroit
- Incorporation of Cities, Annexation, Detachment, and Intergovernmental Boundary Agreements under Act 7 and Act 425

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Incorporation of cities, annexation, detachment, and intergovernmental boundary agreements under Act 7 and Act 425 for the cities of Milan, Williamston, Harbor Springs, Tecumseh, Richmond, Hancock, Eaton Rapids, Adrian, Clinton, Roscommon, and Alpena, Chelsea, Dexter, Durand, Monroe, Clare, Roscommon, Gaylord, Cass City, Caseville, Caro, Sebawaing, among others.

- Public-private Redevelopment Projects
Public-private redevelopment projects including Cobo Hall, Joe Louis Arena, Riverfront Apartments, Millender Center, Tiger Stadium, Royal Oak/I-96 Woodward Project, Prudential Town Center, Lansing International Transportation Center, Eastland and Northland Shopping Centers, Poletown G.M. Plant, Johnson Controls Rockwood Plant, Brose North American and Behr plants in Auburn Hills, Garfield Building, MexicanTown Welcome Center, East Village, Iodent Building, Southwest Detroit Business Association Headquarters

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan, Public Corporation Section, Vice President, 2007-2008; Secretary, 2006-2007
- The Florida Bar
- Oakland County Bar Association
- Michigan Association of Defense Attorneys
- National Institute of Municipal Law Officers
- Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys, President, 2003-05
- Michigan Municipal League Defense Fund, Chairman, 2003-05
- Business Association of Mexican Americans

HONORS + AWARDS

- University of Miami, Latin American International Law Studies
- Bowdoin College, Robert B. Miller Leadership Award
- Michigan Super Lawyers, Government/Cities/Municipalities 2006-present

CIVIC, CULTURAL + SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- World Trade Club of Detroit
- Detroit Regional Chamber

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- Detroit Institute of Art Founder's Society
- U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce, Chief Executive Officer, Great Lakes Chapter, Elected 2001; President, 1999; Past Vice President of Programming and Secretary of the Board
- Michigan Municipal League, Attorney for the Legislative and Urban Affairs Committee
- Detroit Economic Club
- Detroit Athletic Club

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

- Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

PUBLICATIONS

Author of chapter on "Municipal Boundaries," in Local Government Law and Practice in Michigan, published jointly by the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys, 2000

Frequent contributor to Public Corporation Law Quarterly, Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys Quarterly, National Institute of Municipal Law Officers; Institute of Continuing Legal Education

Author of annexation chapter in most recent Michigan Municipal Law Treatise, published by ICLE

Laches, Oakland County Bar Association

SPEECHES

Presenter, "Leveraging Government Loans (108, CDBG, EDI, EDA) with New Market Tax Credits," New Market Tax Credit Investors Conference, Chicago, Illinois, October 19-21, 2005

Presenter, "The New Contract Zoning Legislation in Michigan: Is Your Community Ready?" Seminar sponsored by McKenna Associates and Miller Canfield, Grand Valley State University, L.V. Eberhard Center, Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 2005

Presenter, "The New Contract Zoning Legislation in Michigan: Is Your Community Ready?" Seminar sponsored by McKenna Associates and Miller Canfield, Walsh College-Novi Campus, May 2005

Frequent speaker at:



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Michigan Municipal League

Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys

Public Corporations Section of the State Bar of Michigan

Michigan Municipal Finance Association

Institute of Continuing Legal Education

Michigan Jobs Commission, International Section

The University of Michigan Graduate School of Business

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National Business Institute

Professional Education Systems

NEWS

- Miller Canfield Attorney William Beach Appointed Chair of State Bar Public Corporations Law Section

