

## **Matthew D. Simpson**

Before joining Amer Cunningham Co., LPA, Attorney Simpson practiced in Wayne and Medina Counties in a wide variety of areas of law spanning both litigation and transactional work. His primary areas of focus are civil litigation, real property including landlord/tenant, criminal defense, and municipal law.

Matt's broad experience allows him to effectively guide clients through their matters, advising how a decision in one situation may affect the client in other legal and non-legal ways. He helps individuals and businesses determine legal options and courses of action when problems arise, provides critical advice regarding the rights of criminal defendants, and applies a straightforward, solution-oriented approach to each of his clients' situations.

Matt previously served as the Solicitor for the Village of Smithville and currently serves as the Law Director for the City of Rittman where he drafts legislation for the City Council, advises the City in all legal matters including civil issues, real estate, zoning, and represents the City in both civil and administrative proceedings.

### **Areas of Practice**

- Civil Litigation
- Corporate
- Criminal Defense
- Real Property
- Municipal

### **Bar Admissions**

- State of Ohio, 2015
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, 2018

### **Education**

- **Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 2015**  
Juris Doctor  
Steven LaTourette Public Interest Fellowship, 2015  
OSBA Litigation Section Fellowship Recipient, 2014  
Law Justice Scholarship Recipient, 2012
- **The University of Akron, 2011**  
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

### **Professional Associations and Memberships**

- Board Member, Rittman Chamber of Commerce (2018 – 2020)
- Ohio Bar Association (2015 – Present)
- Akron Bar Association (2024-Present)
- Medina County Bar Association (2019 – 2023)

- Wayne County Bar Association (2015 – 2023)
- Orrville Exchange Club (2015 – 2019)

### **Past Employment Positions**

- Palecek, McIlvaine, Hoffmann, and Morse Co., LPA  
Associate Attorney (2019-2023)
- Kropf Wagner Law Firm  
Associate Attorney (2015 – 2019)
- Village of Smithville  
Solicitor (2018 – 2019)
- Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office  
Law Clerk (2013 – 2015)

### **QUOTE**

“There's something oddly comforting about talking to a legal guy once the billable hours clock has started running; you have passed the magical point at which *a* lawyer becomes *your* lawyer. Your lawyer is warm, your lawyer is sympathetic, your lawyer makes notes on a yellow pad and nods in all the right places. Most of the questions your lawyer asks are questions you can answer. And if you can't your lawyer will help you find a way to do so, by God. Your lawyer is always on your side. Your enemies are his enemies.”

-Stephen King, Bag of Bones