



Jeffrey D. Harris

PARTNER

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Columbus

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Admissions

State of Ohio (2003)

Industries & Practices

Southeast Ohio

Political Subdivisions

Economic Development

Public Sector

Public Finance

Manufacturing

Northwest Ohio

Public Records

Regulatory Compliance Law

Education

The Ohio State University
Moritz College of Law, J.D.
(2003)

The Ohio State University,
Glenn College of Public
Affairs, M.P.A. (2000)

Bowling Green State
University, B.A., *cum laude*

Overview

Jeffrey Harris' practice spans the experience gained during his career working in Ohio's economic development. Grant administration, financial incentives modeling and negotiations, nonprofit board governance, Ohio Sunshine Laws, abandoned property redevelopment, and handling federal funds all were touch points gleaned from his positions in state, county, and municipal government work in Ohio. Jeffrey now advises clients - in both the public and private sectors - in the legal aspects of running programs, accessing funds, and implementing financial tools.

As a public finance attorney in the firm, Jeffrey is counsel to local governments, county land banks, private developers, and nonprofit organizations. Jeffrey is helping lead the firm's efforts to compile and direct clients to public incentives and funding tools for housing rehabilitation and construction in their communities.

Jeffrey especially enjoys helping clients understand the quantitative effects of legal concepts in public finance settings. A fan of multi-tabbed spreadsheets, he works with others at the firm to model real property tax exemption mechanisms, such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Enterprise Zone and CRA tax abatements. Jeffrey strives to help clients determine if the "juice is worth the squeeze" when considering various public development incentives; are the upsides (filling gaps in capital stacks) worth the downsides (reporting, contractual obligations, prevailing wage, and procurement requirements) in using government funding?

For additional ways to contact Jeffrey Harris, you can reach his assistant Lora Leuzinger at 614.227.4912 or by email.

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(1997); Phi Beta Kappa

Distinctions

Recipient, Quality of Life Award, Knox County Chamber of Commerce (2018)

Recipient, Outstanding Volunteer Award, The Central Ohio Chapter of NAIOP (2014)

Listed, 20 People to Know in Economic Development, *Columbus Business First* (2013)

Professional Affiliations

Member, Ohio State Bar Association

Member, Inaugural Leadership Academy, Ohio State Bar Association (2015)

Development Finance Certified Professional, Council of Development Finance Agencies (2014)

Experience

Advise public entities on spending ARPA funds

Goal-setting for southeastern Ohio communities' short-term development

Legal counsel concerning public records and open meetings under Ohio's Sunshine Law

General Counsel to county land bank in western Ohio

Revolving Loan Fund practitioner

News

[FIRM NEWS | 01.05.2024](#)

Bricker Graydon Elects Nine New Partners

[FIRM NEWS | 06.20.2023](#)

Jeffry Harris Appointed to the Board of the Greater Ohio Policy Center (GOPC)

[FIRM NEWS | 08.10.2021](#)

Harris answers ARPA questions at Marietta City Council Finance Committee meeting

[FIRM NEWS | 01.21.2020](#)

Harris participates in "Opportunity Appalachia" forum

Blog Posts

[DEVELOPOHIO | 12.04.2023](#)

All Ohio Future Fund Details Begin to be Defined

[DEVELOPOHIO | 07.17.2023](#)

Welcome Home Ohio: County Land Banks Setting the Table for Affordable Housing Development

[DEVELOPOHIO | 03.20.2023](#)

"B-sides" ARPA - Congress adds fifth and sixth buckets of eligible use

[DEVELOPOHIO | 05.05.2022](#)

ARPA Final Rule - The "B-sides collection": Affordable housing development

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[DEVELOPOHIO](#) | 05.05.2022

ARPA cash: Demolition and capital expenses related to vacant and abandoned buildings

Speaking Engagements

[SEMINAR](#) | 10.19.2023

21st Annual Top Gun Construction Claims Seminar

[WEBINAR](#) | 08.12.2020

Wednesday Webinar: Tax Abatements - What School Districts Need to Know (Pre-K to 12)

Publications

[ARTICLE](#) | 10.31.2023

ODOD to Accept Applications for Funding Beginning October 31

[ARTICLE](#) | 07.17.2023

Welcome Home Ohio: County Land Banks Setting the Table for Affordable Housing Development

[ARTICLE](#) | 05.30.2023

How Will the Recent Tyler v. Hennepin County, Minn. Decision Affect Ohio's Land Banking?

[ARTICLE](#) | 04.10.2023

Take that, federal Sixth Circuit! Ohio Supremes reject "takings" claims against county tax foreclosures

[ARTICLE](#) | 03.15.2023

"B-sides" ARPA - Congress adds fifth and sixth buckets of eligible use

