



# Matthew R. Koppitch

Senior Associate



Matt Koppitch is an adept political advocate with extensive experience in a broad range of government law matters. Spanning all levels and branches of government, he repeatedly demonstrates an ability to effectively work across the aisle. Matt counsels and advises clients, candidates and ballot campaigns on outreach, policy development, communications and political strategy, as well as compliance and ethics guidance.

His background includes negotiating legislation and administrative rules, legislative and regulatory drafting, and providing legislative analysis and tracking. He also has wide-range campaign experience, including gubernatorial and congressional campaigns and both local and statewide ballot issues. Notably, he served a vital role in expanding Medicaid in Ohio through the Healthy Ohioans Work ballot initiative.

Matt's political acumen also serves clients in other areas of law. As a consensus builder, he has represented businesses, developers and political subdivisions in zoning, land use, annexation and other land development issues. He also uses his extensive network of relationships to assist clients in resolving complex situations.

Matt previously served as District Director for United States Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, advising on matters of policy, including financial services, banking, insurance, labor and employment, health care and more. Additionally, Matt's past experience includes the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 1199; the Ohio Department of Commerce; the Ohio Lottery Commission; and the Ohio Governor's Office.

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## INDUSTRIES & PRACTICES

Government Relations  
Manufacturing  
Environmental Law  
Oil & Gas  
Energy

## Bar Admissions & Activities

- Admitted, State of Ohio, 2009
- Admitted, Southern District of Ohio, 2017
- Member, Columbus Bar Association

## Education

- Capital University Law School (J.D.), 2009; Jessup International Law Moot Court Team; Treasurer, Moot Court Executive Board; Team Fellow, National Moot Court Team; Ambassador, Orientation Program; Dean's Scholarship; Dean's List; Order of the Curia
- Wittenberg University (B.A. in Theater), 2004; Alumni Music Scholarship; Alumni Scholarship; M. Kelly Speech Scholarship; Jon Bennett Ham Scholarship; Student Leadership Intern; Office of Student Activities

## Awards & Recognition

- Ones to Watch, *Best Lawyers in America* (Corporate Governance and Compliance Law), 2021



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## Presentations & Published Works

- Speaker, "Moving Ohio Forward: Economic Development Tools in the Biennial Budget (HB 166)," Ohio Economic Development Association (OEDA) 2019 Annual Summit, October 2019
- Panelist, "Economic Development Legislation to Watch," Rising Rust Belt: A Regional Revitalization Economic Summit, October 2019
- Panelist, "Is your economic development toolkit current and competitive?," The Columbus Region Economic Development 411, December 1, 2017
- Speaker, "Energy Legislative Update," Bricker & Eckler LLP's Energy Exchange: A Statehouse Update, October 19, 2017
- Speaker, "Municipal Campaign Finance Update" and "State Operating Budget," Bricker & Eckler LLP's Government Affairs CLE Seminar, July 11, 2017

## Professional & Community Activities

- Member, Ohio State Bar Association, Moyer Legacy Committee
- Chair, Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Westerville, 2016–present
- Vice Chair, Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Westerville, 2015–2016
- Member, Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Westerville, 2013–present

## Experience

### Legislative counsel

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Actively represent more than 30 clients before the Ohio General Assembly, state agencies and local government entities. Longtime clients include the Association of Ohio Life Insurance Companies, the Ohio Manufacturers' Association, the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants and Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council.

### Energy generation facility counsel

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Represent Apex Power Group before the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for the proposed Guernsey Power Station, a 1650-megawatt, natural gas-fired energy generation facility. In 2017, the project received approval to construct and operate the facility. Our team continues to provide substantial regulatory, legislative, tax, permitting and real estate counsel. In addition, we resolved issues involving interconnection with the local transmission company and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

### Zoning and land use counsel

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Represented multiple businesses in rezonings of property to enable the growth of new business activities and development.