

PRACTICE FOCUS

Zatezalo currently serves as the Managing Director of the firm and focuses his practice primarily in the areas of Real Estate & Financing and Gaming Law, for which he serves as practice chair. He has been with Kegler Brown since 1986.

Gaming

Serving as chair of the firm's Gaming Law practice, Michael represents local, national and international clients, including charitable organizations, suppliers, distributors and manufacturers within the gaming industry. He is experienced in the legal issues that affect operators of skill games, sweepstakes, and the online gaming community. Michael is a member of the International Masters of Gaming Law and has been a presenter at the annual American Bar Association Gaming Law Minefield seminar.

He partnered with firm clients in guiding the implementation of Ohio's 2009 casino initiative and his representative clients include Gaming Laboratories Inc., Bally Technologies and more.

Real Estate & Financing

Michael's real estate experience includes all aspects of real estate development, including sales and acquisitions, leasing (office, retail, industrial and telecommunications towers), zoning, land use, development issues, real estate tax valuation, construction and permanent financing. He has represented a number of businesses seeking financial incentives in connection with the location and expansion of their facilities in Ohio. His experience also includes serving as lead real estate counsel in the initial public offering of Glimcher Realty Trust, one of Central Ohio's largest real estate investment trusts, and representing several institutional investors in connection with multi-state acquisitions of properties and major loan transactions. He represents institutional investors, pension funds, lenders, buyers, sellers, tenants and landlords of all sizes.



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“The real leader has no need to lead; he is content to point the way.”

- Henry Miller



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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® and as an Ohio Super Lawyer® by *Law & Politics* magazine.

Selected to serve as chairman of the State Capital Group.

Elected to serve as managing director of Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter in 1999.

Former section chief of the charitable law and consumer frauds and crimes sections of the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

Played a major role in assisting a local developer with its initial public offering as a real estate investment trust and has represented several institutional investors in connection with multi-state acquisitions of properties and major loan transactions.

Partnered with firm clients in guiding implementation of Ohio's 2009 casino initiative.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Buckeye Ranch Foundation, board member

California Bar Association, member

Columbus Bar Association, member

Columbus Bar Services Board, member

Columbus Council on World Affairs, member

International Council of Shopping Centers, member

International Masters of Gaming Law, treasurer

Ohio State Bar Association, member

State Capital Group, board of directors, chairman

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

State Regulators Panel, ABA 14th Annual National Institute on Gaming Law Minefield, Las Vegas, Nevada, presented February 2010

"The Perfect Storm: Ohio's Entering into Legalized Gaming," *Casino Enterprise Management*, January 2010

Ohio Gaming Initiatives: Past, Present and Future, ABA 12th Annual National Institute on Gaming Law Minefield, Las Vegas, Nevada, presented February 2008

Emerging Jurisdiction Report, ABA 11th Annual National Institute on Gaming Law Minefield, Las Vegas, Nevada, presented February 2007

REIT - Real Estate Investment Trusts, Columbus Bar Association, Real Property Institute, February 1995

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio and California

U.S. District Court for the Northern & Southern Districts of Ohio

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate (1975)

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
Cum laude

Bachelor of Science, Aerospace Engineering (1972)
West Virginia University

Sigma Gamma Tau, Aerospace Honorary Society