

## **Todd Anthony Mazzola**

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### **Education:**

#### **J.D., With Honors, Ohio State University College of Law - Columbus, Ohio (1993)**

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Order of the Coif

#### **B.S.J., Summa Cum Laude, Ohio University - Athens, Ohio (1989)**

*Major:* Journalism  
*Specializations:* Economics, Interpersonal Communications  
President's Scholarship recipient

### **Hearing Officer Related Experience:**

#### **Due Process Hearing Officer (*Summer 2005 to Present*)**

Hearing Officer Mazzola has served as an impartial due process hearing officer under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act since 2005, receiving appointment from the Ohio Department of Education to preside over numerous due process requests. During this time, he has also served as an impartial hearing officer involving educational issues concerning Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

In his private practice, Hearing Officer Mazzola has served as counsel for clients before various administrative tribunals and state boards and commissions, and has acted as special counsel to the Ohio Attorney General, representing postsecondary state educational institutions in state and federal court litigation.

Prior to entering private practice, Hearing Officer Mazzola served a term as a judicial clerk to Ohio Supreme Court Justice Deborah Cook ((Winter 1996 to Fall 1998) and to Judge Daniel B. Quillin of the Ohio Ninth District Court of Appeals (Fall 1993 to Fall 1995).

### **Other Legal Experience:**

Hearing Officer Mazzola was first licensed to practice law in Ohio in 1993. After serving judicial clerkships, he was employed as an associate at the Ohio-based law firm Thompson Hine from the fall of 1998 to the summer 2001. While at Thompson Hine, Hearing Officer Mazzola was assigned to the firm's Government Affairs and Regulation Practice Group with a focus on telecommunications regulatory practice and litigation. His responsibilities included representing large incumbent local exchange carriers in multistate interconnection contract negotiations and in arbitrations before state public utility commissions, and assisting small and large telecommunications companies in regulated activities. He also worked closely with litigation counsel on business litigation issues and appeals..

Hearing Officer Mazzola also served by appointment of the Supreme Court of Ohio on the Ohio Board of Bar Examiners. He wrote and graded questions for the Ohio bar examinations between February 1999 and February 2000 and graded July 2009, 2010 and 2011 exams.

In his current private practice, Hearing Officer Mazzola represents clients in numerous areas, including business litigation and appellate practice, shareholder disputes, bankruptcy litigation, telecommunications, public utilities, commercial contract negotiation, discrimination and consumer law, insurance disputes, family law, municipal and election law, alternative dispute resolution and technology licensing.