

ROBERT H. HANDLEY

General Overview

Robert Handley is a municipal attorney with over 30 years experience representing cities in Western and Southern Missouri, practicing in the areas of general municipal, land use planning and zoning, annexation, public facility/infrastructure financing, and real estate development/redevelopment (economic incentives) law. He was the City Attorney of the City of Lee's Summit from 2001–2008, the City Attorney for the City of Branson from 1997-2001, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Springfield from 1981-1997, and City Attorney for the Village of Battlefield from 1978-1981. Prior to law school, Robert served active duty in the United States Army, and after attending law school, engaged in a wide ranging legal practice serving business and private clients before focusing exclusively on legal services for municipalities in 1981.

Robert presently serves as the appointed General Counsel for City of Lee's Summit Industrial Development Authority, and as Administrative Hearing Officer for the City of Springfield. Robert has served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Central Missouri, Harmon School of Business, Legal Environment of Business in 2008 and 2009.

Education

University of Missouri – Columbia, J.D., 1976

San Jose State University – San Jose, CA, Graduate studies in psychology, 1972

Drury College – Springfield, MO, Bachelor of Arts (BA), 1967

Bar Admission

Missouri, 1976

Professional Affiliations

International Municipal Lawyers Association

Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association

Missouri Bar Association

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Lectures/Speeches

Robert is an occasional speaker at conferences of the Missouri Municipal League.