













## **GOVERNMENTAL & POLICY LITIGATION OVERVIEW**

Governmental entities, policy groups, and individuals turn to BSP Law for advice and representation in all manner of government and policy litigation, including claims related to voting and election laws, questions of constitutional power, and important political questions, among other issues.

BSP has a track record of winning for our clients on motions, at trial, and on appeal. BSP recognizes and appreciates the significant considerations for our government and policy clients beyond the four corners of the lawsuit.

### Types of Cases Handled

- Voting and Election Litigation
- Political and Campaign Litigation
- Policy and Advocacy Group Litigation
- First Amendment Litigation
- Appeals and Amicus Briefs

#### GOVERNMENTAL & POLICY LITIGATION TEAM

William E. McDonald, III
The Ohio State University Law
School
Bill has experience working
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Patrick G. Seyferth
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Clerkship: U.S. District Court
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District Court for the Eastern

District of Michigan

# **GOVERNMENTAL & POLICY LITIGATION**

#### REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- Michigan Senate
- Michigan House of Representatives
- Individual Michigan Senators and Representatives
- National Right to Work Foundation

- · Michigan Public Universities
- · Michigan Manufacturing Association
- Modular Home Builders Association

#### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Successfully intervened on behalf of Michigan Senate and Michigan House of Representatives in litigation brought by national advocacy group against Michigan Secretary of State regarding Michigan absentee voting and voterregistration laws.
- Defeated motion for temporary restraining order against Michigan Senate alleging violation of Open Meetings Act.
- Secured abandonment of subpoenas issued to individual Michigan State Senators.
- Drafted amicus brief and argued in Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of Modular Home Builders Association in support of prevailing argument.
- Assisted in representation of individual challenging employer's violation of Michigan's Right-to-Work statute.
- Drafted amicus brief in support of Michigan Manufacturers Association in Michigan Supreme Court regarding personal property tax exemption.
- Secured dismissal of 17-count complaint asserting stateconstitutional-law claims, RICO claims, and various statestatutory and common-law claims against the Michigan House of Representatives and several past Representatives and staffers, secured affirmance on appeal, and defeated collateral litigation in Michigan Court of Claims.
- Drafted amicus brief for several municipal government associations in tax-foreclosure case before the Michigan Supreme Court.

- Successfully defeated a challenge to Michigan's repeal of the prevailing wage.
- Assisted in drafting amicus brief on behalf of the Michigan Senate in a case before the Michigan Supreme Court.
- Assisted in representing the Michigan Senate in its successful defense of Michigan's 2012 redistricting lines.
- Assisted in drafting complaint and dispositive motion on behalf of a major political party challenging Michigan's redistricting law.
- Secured settlement of personal-injury action against multistate energy transmission corporation.
- Represented public utilities before the Michigan Public Service Commission, including drafting briefs and appearing before the Commission.
- Drafted dispositive motions in state and federal cases on behalf of several Michigan counties defending class-action challenge to Michigan's tax-foreclosure system.
- Assisted in representation of Navajo Nation in trust management suit resulting in \$554 million settlement.
- Represented Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in suits brought by depositors and securities investors in failed banks.
- Represented Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in suits brought by and against vendors and other debtors of failed banks.

### **BSP Is Proud To BE**

- Featured in Benchmark Litigation of America
- Ranked as a Tier 1 Firm for Commercial Litigation and Product Liability Defense by U.S. News
- The Trial Network's Michigan Firm
- National Coordinating and Trial Counsel major automotive manufacturer
- A Sustaining Member of PLAC
- Named PulteGroup's Law Firm of the Year
- The National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firms' Law Firm MVP
- The largest certified woman-owned litigation firm in Michigan

#### **ABOUT BSP LAW**

The trial attorneys at Bush Seyferth PLLC win lawsuits in courtrooms across the country – with trial skills second to none. Some of America's best-known companies look to BSP to represent them in catastrophic injury cases, class actions, complex business litigation, and appeals.