

THOMAS R. BURNEY CURRICULUM VITAE

Practiced land use law since 1977.

Education

Graduate of University of Wisconsin-Madison (1972) BS History

Graduate of Loyola University at Chicago Law School (1977)

Employment

Partners with Jerome S. Schain and Bob Kenny (1977-2013) in various versions of the Firm including:

Schain Burney Kenny & Wolfberg

Schain, Firsell and Burney

Schain, Burney Ross and Citron

Law Office of Thomas R. Burney (2013 to Present)

Area of Practice

My land use practice involves all aspects of the entitlement process including presenting cases for zoning relief including map and text amendments, special and conditional uses, variations and planned unit developments in cities, village and counties in the region.

Over the course of my career I have annexed thousands of acres of ground into communities located in the Chicago Metropolitan area and negotiated dozens of annexation agreements.

I have been attorney on over 100 lawsuits and related appeals initiated in Cook County and the collar counties involving among others, challenges to municipal decisions to deny requested zoning relief; petitioning to disconnect land from municipalities; mandamus actions to compel a municipality to execute subdivision plats or issue building permits.

Retained by private developers and municipalities to draft and negotiate economic incentive agreements including TIF redevelopment agreements and sales tax sharing agreements.

Village Attorney to the Village of Palatine (1992 -2002).

Special counsel to several municipalities in the region including the City of Aurora and Village of Huntley, Village of South Barrington.

Adjunct professor at Loyola-Chicago Law School teaching land use law (2009-Present).

Significant cases include the SWANCC (Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County) balefill and transfer stations in the 90's which resulted in the siting of the balefill and transfer station and a landmark decision limiting the Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction over isolated wetlands; *United States v. Palatine* which resulted in the Seventh Circuit decision requiring the exhaustion of administrative remedies before initiating a Fair Housing Act violation; two significant affordable housing entitlements; recent Supreme Court decision, *Gurba vs. Community High School Dist. No. 155* affirming municipal zoning jurisdiction over school property; and *Drury v. Village of Barrington Hills* establishing the elements for a facial attack on a zoning ordinance.

Member of the University of Wisconsin History Board of Visitors (2015-Present)