

Speaker's Bio: Mark Weaver, Esq.



Mark Weaver is an experienced attorney who has handled thousands of legal matters and earned a statewide reputation as an expert in Ohio Public Records and Open Meetings law. In fact, the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* called Mr. Weaver "the guru of Ohio Public Records law."

He has served as the Deputy Attorney General of Ohio, where he handled or supervised all Public Records and Open Meetings litigation. He wrote eight editions of the official State of Ohio "Guide to Sunshine Laws." Each year, he authors the Public Records law chapter in "Baldwin's Ohio Administrative Law Handbook."

He often defends local government against Public Records lawsuits brought in the Ohio Supreme Court and has taught Public Records law to more than ten thousand public employees. He also teaches law school at both the University of Akron and the Ohio State University.

Mr. Weaver's past professional assignments include serving as the Assistant Director of Public Affairs for the U.S. Justice Department and Public Information Officer for a large police department.

Mr. Weaver serves as a part-time Magistrate in the Hilliard Mayor's Court, presiding over all criminal misdemeanor hearings and trials. He is also a part-time felony-level prosecutor in Southern Ohio, where he often prosecutes child sex abuse cases.

The nationally-respected attorney rating service, Martindale-Hubbell, awarded Mr. Weaver its highest rating of legal excellence -- AV. He has also been named in "Who's Who in American Law."

