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Municipal Liability Claims under 42 USC 1983 – Issues and Concerns

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Carson J. Tucker began his own specialized appellate and insurance coverage practice after chairing the appellate practice groups at two prior law firms. Mr. Tucker handles all types of appellate matters and assists other lawyers with complex litigation and insurance coverage issues. Mr. Tucker represents local and state governmental entities, national and international businesses and insurance companies, and global corporations.

After law school, Mr. Tucker was a research lawyer for the Michigan Court of Appeals and then a law clerk for the Honorable Stephen J. Markman, Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

He retired as a Major in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps of the Michigan Army National Guard after 26 years of military service. He finished his career as a brigade command judge advocate after serving 10 years as staff JAG officer for the Maneuver Training Center, Camp Grayling, Michigan, a military training facility in northern Michigan. Prior to serving in the U.S. Army, Mr. Tucker served 14 years in the U.S. Navy Reserves as a Combat Warfare Qualified Heavy Equipment Operator in the Naval Engineering Corps.

During his military career he received the Army's Meritorious Service Medal, which is the highest honor a soldier can receive when serving in a non-combat role. The award recited his role in providing legal advice and counsel and preparing written pleadings for the National Guard Bureau in cases pending in the United States Supreme Court, as well as for his role as the Staff Judge Advocate at Michigan's Joint-Force Maneuver Training Center (JMTC) Camp Grayling, and for legal support provided to Joint Force Headquarters of the Michigan National Guard.

Mr. Tucker has developed a particular expertise in prosecuting and defending appeals in the United States Supreme Court and has had several significant successes in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court and the Michigan Court of Appeals. In addition to his work on appeals, Mr. Tucker has written brief amicus curiae in the United States Supreme Court and Michigan Supreme Court for various governmental and non-governmental entities.

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