

## **Elizabeth A. Tsvetkoff**

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### **QUALIFICATIONS**

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- Managing operations, budget, and staff of nonprofit advocacy and trade association, as well as the supporting foundation.
- Advocacy to the Governor's office, state agencies, and the General Assembly.
- Policy and legislative drafting for legislature.
- Intricate knowledge and employment experience in health and human services, nonprofit, labor and employment, campaign finance, and insurance law.
- Refined legal writing and analytical skills developed writing county bulletins and bill analyses.
- Licensed to practice law in Ohio – November 2004.
- Registered Ohio legislative and executive lobbyist.

### **EDUCATION**

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**Capital University Law School, Juris Doctor** with Environmental Law Concentration

Magna Cum Laude, Order of the Curia – May 2004

**Capital University, Bachelor of Arts** in Political Science, Cum Laude – May 2001

### **MANAGERIAL AND LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Ohio Alliance of YMCAs, Executive Director – July 2010 to present**

As the Executive Director of the Alliance, I am responsible for managing the association's operations; advocating to the Governor, General Assembly, and executive agencies on behalf of Ohio's YMCAs; and providing association services to YMCAs. As the association's manager, I prepare and monitor our annual budget, supervise our program and policy staff, and handle day-to-day association management duties. As the Executive Director, I created the Ohio Alliance of YMCAs Foundation, which supports the Alliance's work and provides programming dollars and administration for Ohio's YMCAs. I created both our Youth in Government Director and Public Health Policy Coordinator staff positions, which have grown our Alliance tremendously. I also oversee the Foundation's activities and budget.

In my advocacy responsibilities, I specialize in a myriad of areas, including early learning, school age programs, childhood health initiatives, chronic disease prevention, nonprofit taxation issues, and swimming pool regulation. I lead our childhood health policy, systems, and environmental change collaborative called Pioneering Healthier Communities Ohio, within which we bring many diverse statewide organizations to the table to work on improving childhood health.

For Ohio's YMCAs, my member services include two annual conferences and regional legislative events, as well as regular communication from the Alliance to our YMCAs. I created and update a legislative platform for the Alliance to serve as our foundation to advocate, as well as two additional publications. One publication is a monthly legislative newsletter and the other is a YMCA spotlight that highlights local YMCAs. I also do advocacy 101 trainings for YMCA CEOs and staff to teach and make them comfortable with hosting legislators at their local YMCAs.

#### **County Commissioners Association of Ohio, Policy Analyst – March 2007 to July 2010**

As part of CCAO's policy team, I was responsible for legislative and executive advocacy and member services in health and human services, including Medicaid, TANF, workforce development, child support, children services, developmental disabilities, behavioral health, county homes, and county hospitals. In these areas, I authored several detailed documents CCAO has published. I also worked on labor and employment and campaign finance issues. I was the liaison to the CCAO Health and Human Services Committee; CCAO Jobs, Economic Development, and Infrastructure Committee; as well as for the Area 7 Workforce Investment Board. I assisted running a county commissioner's campaign for president of the National Association of Counties. Additionally, I provided legislative assistance to our self-insured health benefits consortium and property and liability company.

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### **Legislative Service Commission, Staff Attorney – August 2004 to March 2007**

Concentrating in labor and insurance law, specifically minimum wage, health insurance, prevailing wage, competitive bidding, and collective bargaining, I drafted briefs, bills, amendments, and bill analyses for the Ohio legislature. I staffed the Senate Insurance, Commerce, and Labor Committee and the House floor. Both my drafting and committee responsibilities allowed me to cultivate relationships with legislative staff and learn in great depth the legislative process.

### **National Association of Conservation Districts, Legislative Intern – Washington, D.C. – Spring 2000**

While at NACD, I studied a variety of alternative fuels, including the feasibility of each fuel and each fuel's possible impact on the economy and emissions reductions. As part of the Governmental Affairs division, I attended congressional committee hearings and prepared hearing reports for the NACD newsletter. I tracked pieces of federal legislation regarding conservation issues in which NACD was involved and kept up-to-date the NACD Governmental Affairs website.

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Division, Legal Intern – Fall 2003**

I aided the assistant attorneys general and the chief of the division in preparing briefs for litigation. I researched and composed legal memoranda for the division's attorneys, predominantly concerning procedural issues.

### **Ohio Environmental Council, Legal Intern – Spring 2003**

With outside counsel, Peter Precario, I worked on an OEC appeal to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission from Ohio EPA certification of the Nationwide 21 Program (Clean Water Act). I researched pending state litigation, procedural and standing matters, and attended ERAC and Ohio EPA proceedings.

## **MEMBERSHIP/ACTIVITIES**

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Ohio Lobbying Association  
Ohio State Bar Association  
Capital University Law School Alumni Board  
Ohio Democratic and Franklin County Democratic parties  
Ohio Women in Government  
Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organization  
Ohio Wellness and Prevention Collaborative, Steering Committee Member  
Buckeye Healthy Schools Alliance, Steering Committee Member