

# John Plećnik

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## PUBLIC SERVICE

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### LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

*Appointed in 2021 and Elected in 2022 by a 16.92% margin  
Lake County, Ohio, 2021 to Present*

### COUNCILMAN-at-Large

*City of Willoughby Hills, 2014 to 2019*

- Elected in 2013, 2015 & 2017 as the **TOP VOTE-GETTER** in all contested races
- As Vice President & Chair of Finance, balanced the budget, **CUT taxes** & reduced City debt by half
- Negotiated & authored the tax abatement to bring Produce Packaging & **300+ jobs to Lake County**

### LIBRARY TRUSTEE

*Willoughby-Eastlake Public Libraries, 2012 to 2013*

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## EXPERIENCE

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### CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY, Cleveland, OH

*Associate Professor of Law with Tenure, 2015 to Present  
Director of Master of Legal Studies Program, 2019 to Present  
Interim Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, 2016 to 2017  
Assistant Professor of Law, 2010 to 2015*

- Twice voted **Professor of the Year**
- Won the prestigious **Bilateral Grant** twice from the Public Research Agency of Slovenia
- Research cited as authority by the **Supreme Court of the United States** in *Lucia v. SEC*

### NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Durham, NC

*Adjunct Professor of Law, 2021 to 2022*

### GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, DC

*Adjunct Professor of Law, 2009 to 2010*

### UNITED STATES TAX COURT, Washington, DC

*Attorney-Adviser to Judge David Gustafson, 2008 to 2010*

### THACHER PROFFITT & WOOD LLP, New York, NY

*Associate, 2006 to 2008*

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## EDUCATION

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### THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbus, OH

*Public Leadership Academy, 2021*

### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

*Master of Laws in Taxation, 2009*

### COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL, New York, NY

*Certificate in Business Excellence (Executive Education), 2009*

### DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Durham, NC

*Juris Doctor, cum laude, 2006*

### BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE, Belmont, NC

*Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, Co-Valedictorian, summa cum laude, 2003*