

# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



## **JAMES S. HARDING** Assistant Legal Counsel

Mr. Harding has been with the Auditor of State's Office since June 2012. In his role he serves as the regional attorney for the Cincinnati and Athens regions, as well as the designated counsel for the Auditor of State's Ohio Performance Team. Mr. Harding is also the Legal Division's liaison to the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association and the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. In addition, Mr. Harding conducts Certified Public Records Trainings and other continuing education seminars for state and local government officials.

Prior to joining the Auditor of State's Legal Division, Mr. Harding resided in Washington, DC where he focused his practice on complex electronic discovery matters in federal government investigations. Prior to moving to Washington, Mr. Harding practiced law in his hometown of Cincinnati at Santen & Hughes, where he focused his practice in the areas of commercial litigation and corporate law. Mr. Harding gained state government experience after college as a constituent aid and special assistant to the chief of staff in the office of Ohio Governor Bob Taft. Mr. Harding is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Law in Coral Gables, Florida and Hamilton College in Clinton, New York. He is admitted to practice law in Ohio, Washington, DC, and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.