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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation

Criminal Defense



I primarily engage in courtroom hearings and trials and various civil and criminal litigation, much of it referred to me by other law firms due to its complexity. I have experience handling zoning and administrative cases before federal, state and local agencies, such as the Ohio EPA, the Ohio Engineer's Board, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and various Zoning Boards and Planning Commissions, as well as other agencies within Ohio and the Federal Government.

I believe in working hard and being nice to everyone involved on all sides of a case. These matters are tough for all of us and everyone involved is under a lot of stress. By decreasing it for others you decrease your own.

I am most proud of having been a single parent and raising my daughter, of my service in the U.S. Army, my Bar Associations work, and my legal achievements, in that order.

EXPERIENCE

- Joined Buckingham in January 2021
- Former Assistant Prosecutor for the City of Cuyahoga Falls and Assistant Law Director for the city's civil division
- Former Cuyahoga Falls Law Director
- Appointed Special Prosecutor to handle prosecution of criminal matters in Youngstown and Stow Municipal Courts (two different cases)
- Served in U.S. Army as a reserve Finance Officer during the Vietnam War

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

The University of Akron School of Law, (J.D., 1973)

The University of Connecticut (B.A., 1970)

Admissions

Ohio Bar

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

The United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

The United States Supreme Court

AWARDS & HONORS

2014 Lawyer of the Year in Criminal Defense, (Akron Life Magazine)

2016 Lawyer of the Year in Criminal Defense (Akron Life Magazine)

Akron Bar's Professionalism Award (2017)

Akron School of Law's Outstanding Alumni Award (2002)

Best Lawyers in America® "Criminal Defense -- General Practice (2022, 2023)

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Board Member, Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, Ohio Supreme Court

Board Member of the University of Akron Law School Advancement Council

Member, Council of Delegates of the Ohio State Bar Association (OSBA)

Member, House of Delegates of the American Bar Association (ABA)

Former Board Member of OBLIC, OLAP, The Ohio Public Defender's Commission

Former Board member and current member of the American Counsel Association (ACA)

Former President of the Ohio State Bar Association (2010-2011)

Former President of the the Akron Bar Association (1995-1996)

Former President of the Ohio Metropolitan Bar Consortium

Associations

Ohio State Bar

United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

United States Supreme Court