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AREAS OF PRACTICE  
Litigation  
Business



I am a courtroom lawyer. I represent business owners with a focus on doctors, lawyers, and other professionals. I am the first phone call for clients who have a serious problem that is in court, or may be heading to court.

I handle cases involving business interference, shareholder disputes, and insurance and other contract disputes. These kinds of problems distract business owners and cause them to feel angry and uncertain. It's my job to make these problems go away by acting forcefully, yet professionally, leaving my clients feeling relieved and satisfied with our results.

My wisest clients seek my advice before an issue turns into a dispute. So I often serve as a boardroom counselor to companies who trust that I understand their industry and business goals. I think that clients are best served by a courtroom lawyer who can help to avoid the courtroom if possible but win there, if necessary.



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## EXPERIENCE

- Serves as chair of the Litigation Practice Group and in-house general counsel at Buckingham
- Highly experienced courtroom lawyer who has tried over 75 jury trials and over 100 trials in total
- Litigates a wide variety of civil cases for all types of clients. Also provides out-of-court counseling for law firms; physicians and other businesses, addressing liability, insurance, employment, confidentiality, trade secret and other general business matters
- Frequent lecturer at law schools, business schools, and attorney training programs
- Founded Hill Hardman, LLC before joining Buckingham in 2012

### SIGNIFICANT LITIGATED MATTERS:

1. *Levine v. Smith*, 591 A. 2d 194 (1991) Co-counsel for shareholders in class action litigation against General Motors, regarding repurchase of stock from shareholder H. Ross Perot; Delaware's Supreme Court addressed business judgment rule, and demand requirements in shareholder derivative actions.
2. *Adams v. Isquick*, 2002-Ohio-3988 (Ohio App. 9 Dist 2002) Represented nationally renowned automobile restorer when sued by client; obtained \$2.8 million verdict for client on counterclaim for defamation and tortious interference with business relations.
3. *Boutsicaris v. Akron General Medical Center*, 1997 WL 270552 (Ohio App. 9 Dist 1997) Represented physician who was removed from hospital's teaching program, in retaliation for his complaints about patient care issues; obtained \$5 million verdict for defamation and tortious interference with business relationships.
4. *Swiss Reinsurance America Corp. v. Roetzel & Andress, LPA.*, 837 N.E. 2d 1215 (Ohio App. 9 Dist. 2005). Defended law firm in legal malpractice action by insurance company, in case testing the limits of privity and standing to sue attorney for malpractice under Ohio law.
5. *Cowett v. TCH Pediatrics, Inc.*, 2006 – Ohio – 5269 (Ohio App. 7 Dist. Sep 27, 2006); appeal not allowed by 112 Ohio St.3d 1492, U.S. cert. den., 552 U.S. 941, 128 S.Ct. 115. Represented nationally renowned physician in case challenging the scope of federal "peer review" immunity for hospitals that discipline physicians, under the Health Care Quality Immunity Act.
6. *Doe v. Marlinton Local School District*, 122 Ohio St.3d 12, 907 N.E. 2d 706 (Ohio Supreme Court 2009). Represented parents of developmentally disabled minor child who was sexually assaulted on school bus. Case concerned the question of whether driver's negligent supervision of students constituted "negligent operation" of the vehicle, within meaning of Ohio's statutory immunity for political subdivisions.



## EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio (J.D., 1987)

Gannon University, Erie, Pennsylvania (B.A., 1984)

### Admissions

Ohio Bar

Pennsylvania Bar

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

## AWARDS & HONORS

Listed in Best Lawyers in America® (2008-2020), in three distinct categories: commercial litigation, “Bet-the-Company” litigation and personal injury

Named Best Lawyers in America® ‘Lawyer of the Year’ in the Akron area (2016, 2018)

Named by Best Lawyers in America® as ‘Lawyer of the Year’ in “Bet-the-Company” litigation (2010)

Selected for inclusion in Ohio’s Super Lawyers® (2005-2017), as voted by his peers

Recognized in Ohio Super Lawyers® Top 100 (2016)

Recognized in Super Lawyers Business Edition® for Business Litigation (2015)

## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Serves as guest lecturer on jury selection techniques at the University of Akron School of Law's Summer Trial Institute

Serves as invited faculty member at National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) three-day seminar for lawyers seeking instruction regarding deposition skills.

### Associations

Former Member: Akron Bar Association Board of Trustees

Representative: Ohio State Bar Association, Fee Dispute Mediation/Arbitration Panel. District 11



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