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AREAS OF PRACTICE  
Litigation  
Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy  
Public Law



I am a business litigation attorney with over 35 years of experience practicing law. I represent business owners with complex commercial and product liability issues.

Clients often turn to me for advice before a matter requires litigation. However, when an issue is heading to, and must be settled in the courthouse, I am my clients' first phone call. They trust that I have the knowledge and experience to loyally defend their matters in an effective and professional manner.

I view my job as providing a first-rate service to my clients, while implementing a practical and efficient approach to problem-solving. I will offer that same level of service and dedication to your own unique legal needs.



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## EXPERIENCE

- Works primarily in the areas of creditor bankruptcy, creditors' rights, secured transactions, toxic tort defense, asbestos litigation, general commercial litigation and public law
- Represents clients in bankruptcy matters and general commercial litigation
- Joined the firm as an associate in 1978; was elected partner in 1985
- SUBSTANTIAL DECISIONS:
- Great Northern Savings Co. v. Ingarra, 66 Ohio St. 2d 503 (1981) (Due on Sale Clauses)
- Mack v. Polson Rubber Co., 14 Ohio St. 3d 34 (1984) (Disputed Settlement Agreement - Right to a Hearing)
- In re: Phillip Lee Gardner, 810 F. 2d 87 (6th Cir. 1987) (Bankruptcy Appellate Court Jurisdiction and Insurance Policy Exclusions)
- In re: Arter & Hadden, L.L.P., U.S. Bkcy. Ct. No. 03-23293
- S.H.A.R.K., et al. v. Metro Parks, Serving Summit County, et al., U.S. Dist. Ct. No. 06-4009, (6th Cir. 2007),
- Erness H. Jandreau v. Alfa Laval USA, Inc., et al., E.D. PA 2:09-91859-ER (2012) (Continuing Validity of Lohrmann Test in Mesothelioma Cases).

## EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee (J.D., 1978)

The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio (B.S., summa cum laude, 1975)

### Admissions

Ohio Bar

## AWARDS & HONORS

Named Best Lawyers in America® 'Lawyer of the Year' in the Akron area (2019)

Listed in Best Lawyers in America® (2007-2021)

Selected for inclusion in Ohio's Super Lawyers® (2004-2006, 2015-2016), as voted by his peers

Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating of AV® Preeminent™, which is the highest possible rating in both legal and ethical standards as established by confidential opinions from members of the Bar



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Recipient: American Jurisprudence Award (Excellence in the study of Constitutional Law)

## **PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

Member: Rotary Club of Akron

Member: Rotary District 6630 District Governor 2019-2020

Member: Rotary District 6630 Youth Protection Committee (Chair) 2019-2021

Member/Vice-Chair: Summit County Board of Building Appeals

Member: National Parks and Recreation Association

Member, Board of Trustees, American Red Cross, Summit/Portage/Medina Counties

### **Past Affiliations**

Vice-President: Akron Rotary Foundation

Assistant Governor, Rotary District 6630, District 6630 Finance Committee, District 6630 Executive Committee, District 6630 By-Laws Committee, District 6630 Grants Committee, District 6630 GSE Team

Member, Executive Committee: Stewart's Caring Place

Chair: Summit County Planning Commission, Long Range Planning Sub-Committee

Chair: Summit County Planning Commission, Rules Committee

Member, Board of Trustees: Pastoral Counseling Service

Member: Summit County Planning Commission

Member, Board of Trustees: Lawrence School

Member, Board of Trustees: Walsh Jesuit High School

Member: Downtown Akron Partnership

Member, Board of Trustees; Secretary to the Board; and Co-Chair, Development Committee: Stewart's Caring Place

Adjunct Instructor: The University of Akron, School of Law

Member, Board of Trustees: St. Luke Lutheran Community Foundation

Member: St. John/St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Board

### **Associations**

Member: Akron Bar Association

Past Member: Board of Trustees

Past Chair: Federal Courts Committee

Member: American Bar Association

Member: Commercial and Bankruptcy Section

Member: Ohio State Bar Association



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Member: Bankruptcy, Banking and Commercial Law Committees

Member: Stark County Bar Association

Past Chair: Federal Courts Committee



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