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AREAS OF PRACTICE  
Health & Medicine  
Employment & Labor



I am a healthcare attorney with 40 years' experience representing hospitals, physicians, nurses, other providers, suppliers, as well as commercial payers.

Hospital CEOs, CFOs and in-house counsel look to me to handle serious and complex credentialing, competency, and disciplinary matters, and to assist them in successfully navigating through the maze of federal and state regulations. Additionally, I draft common sense medical staff bylaws, policies, and contracts, and often serve as outside general counsel for clients. Physicians and other healthcare providers retain my services to represent them before licensing boards, to draft or review their contracts, and to advise them on a wide range of practice issues.

My clients remain loyal for years and are my best referral source because they trust me to give prompt, practical, and good advice. I will offer the same level of client care and guidance to you for your own unique legal needs.



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## EXPERIENCE

- Represents physicians and hospitals in compliance, contracting and medical staff issues, including credentialing, corrective action and disruptive physician issues
- Advises companies and individuals on how to avoid liability for social media, email and Internet use, and how to implement retention and disposition policies for electronically stored records
- Represents healthcare providers in antitrust, credentialing, false claims, fraud and abuse and malpractice litigation
- Represents acute care and rehabilitation hospitals, physicians, managed care plans and TPAs, durable medical equipment suppliers and other healthcare providers and suppliers
- Represents employers in discrimination in drafting employee handbooks and compliance policies
- Defends manufacturers and suppliers in product liability cases
- Experienced in HIPAA Privacy
- Experienced in representing physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals before Ohio licensing boards

## EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. (J.D., cum laude, 1978)

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (M.A., with distinction, 1972)

John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio (B.A., magna cum laude, 1970)

Loyola University, Rome, Italy

### Admissions

Ohio Bar

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

## AWARDS & HONORS

Named Best Lawyers in America® 'Lawyer of the Year' in the Akron area for Health Care Law (2012, 2016 and 2018)

Listed in Best Lawyers in America® (2009-2020)

Selected for inclusion in Ohio's Super Lawyers® (2004-2005, 2007, 2010-2018), as voted by his peers  
Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating of AV® Preeminent™, which is the highest possible rating in



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both legal and ethical standards as established by confidential opinions from members of the Bar  
Recognized as one of the Top Lawyers in Northeastern Ohio in Akron Life Magazine (2009-2018)

## **PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

Vice-Chair, Executive Committee: Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

Member, Board of Directors: Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

Member, Board of Directors: Canton Regional Chamber Health Fund (MEWA)

Member, Pro Football Hall of Fame Centennial Celebration Host Committee

Vice-Chair, Board of Directors: AultCare Corporation

Secretary, Board of Directors: AultCare Holding Company

Secretary, Board of Directors: AultCare Insurance Company

Secretary, Board of Directors: AultCare Health Insuring Corporation

Member: American Health Lawyers Association

Member: Society of Ohio Hospital Attorneys

President, Board of Trustees: Canton Museum of Art

Member, Board of Directors: Access Health Stark County

Board of Directors, Executive Committee (former Chair): Friends of the Summit

Advisory Board: Pregnancy Support Center

### **Associations**

Member: American Bar Association, Health Law and Antitrust Sections

Member: Ohio State Bar Association, Health Law Committee

Member: Stark County Bar Association



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