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AREAS OF PRACTICE
Health & Medicine
Employment & Labor

I am a healthcare attorney with over 45 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.

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 (J.D., *cum laude*, 1978)
University of Pittsburgh (M.A., with distinction, 1972)
John Carroll University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1970)
Loyola University, Rome, Italy

Admissions
Ohio
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

AWARDS & HONORS

Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America®* (2009-2025)
Named Best Lawyers in America® 'Lawyer of the Year' in the Akron area for Health Care Law (2012, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2024)
Selected for inclusion in Ohio's Super Lawyers® (2004-2005, 2007, 2010-2024), as voted by his peers
United Way Gold Key Award for Community Service (2019)
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
Recognized as one of the Top Lawyers in Northeastern Ohio in Akron Life Magazine (2009-2018)

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Board of

Directors/Executive Committee
Canton Regional Chamber Health Fund (MEWA), Member, Board of Directors
Pro Football Hall of Fame Centennial Celebration Host Committee, Member
AultCare Corporation, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors
AultCare Holding Company, Secretary, Board of Directors
AultCare Insurance Company, Secretary, Board of Directors
AultCare Health Insuring Corporation, Secretary, Board of Directors
American Health Lawyers Association
Society of Ohio Hospital Attorneys
Canton Museum of Art, Immediate Past-President, Board of Trustees
Access Health Stark County, Member, Board of Directors
Friends of the Summit, Board of Directors
Pregnancy Support Center, Advisory Board

Past Affiliations

Friends of the Summit, Former Chair, Executive Committee

Associations

American Bar Association
    Health Law and Antitrust Sections
Ohio State Bar Association
    Health Law Committee
Stark County Bar Association