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AREAS OF PRACTICE  
Litigation



I am a litigation attorney with a focus on domestic relations **family law**, criminal defense, and government investigations of companies and individuals. I also represent licensed professionals such as attorneys, physicians, pharmacists and nurses in disciplinary investigations and proceedings.

For the past 38 years, I have tried numerous cases to judges, juries and hearing panels throughout Northeast Ohio. I am past president of the Akron Bar Association, and have chaired the Criminal Law Committee and the Family Law Section of the Akron Bar Association. In addition, I am a fellow of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers.

Because each area in which I practice involves a likelihood of a contested trial or hearing, there is often a high level of conflict and risk for my clients. I help my clients manage the uncertainties of litigation and keep them informed of possible outcomes. I want my clients to feel in control and a part of the process in which they are involved.



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## EXPERIENCE

- Practices in the areas of criminal defense, white collar criminal investigations, domestic relations and juvenile matters, and represents attorneys, physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other licensed professionals in disciplinary matters
- Past co-chair of the firm's Litigation Practice Group (2002-2005)
- Represented clients in trials and appeals of civil, domestic relations and criminal matters in Cuyahoga, Franklin, Huron, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Summit, Portage, Tuscarawas and Wayne Counties
- Tried approximately 75 cases to juries, primarily felony matters, including three capital murder trials
- Has defended matters in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, and these have included white collar matters such as bank fraud, insurance fraud, R.I.C.O. matters and federal tax and health care investigations and litigation
- Former member of the United States District Court Criminal Justice Act Panel
- Certified since 1996 as a Criminal Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy
- Represented clients as appellate attorney in more than 100 cases in lower appellate courts (primarily the Ninth Judicial District) and in the Supreme Court of Ohio
- Represented the Akron Bar Association and local attorneys before the Supreme Court of Ohio's Board of Commissioners on Grievance and Discipline and the Supreme Court of Ohio

## EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio (J.D., 1977)

New York University, New York, New York (B.A., 1974)

### Admissions

Supreme Court of Ohio (1977)

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio (1978)

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit (1993)

## AWARDS & HONORS

Named Best Lawyers in America® 'Lawyer of the Year' in the Akron area for Criminal Defense: White-



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Collar (2016, 2018-2020)

Recognized by Inside Business Magazine since 2001 as a Leading Lawyer in Criminal Defense in Northeast Ohio, as voted by his peers

Listed in Best Lawyers in America® (2003-2020)

Selected for inclusion in Ohio's Super Lawyers® (2004-2018), as voted by his peers

Named to Ohio's Super Lawyers® Top 100 List (2016-2018)

Named to Ohio's Super Lawyers® Top 50 Cleveland Lawyers List (2016-2018)

Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers Business Edition® for Litigation – White Collar Criminal Defense (2015, 2017)

Recognized in Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition® for White Collar Criminal Defense (2009-2010)

Recognized in Super Lawyers Business Edition® for White Collar Criminal Defense (2011)

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.

Recipient: Quine Award, University of Akron School of Law, Outstanding Adjunct Professor (2000)

## **PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

Fellow: American Board of Criminal Lawyers

Member: City of Hudson Board of Zoning and Building Appeals

Adjunct Professor, Trial Advocacy: The University of Akron School of Law

Member and Benchler: Scanlon/ Bell Inn of Court

### **Past Affiliations**

Chair: Akron Bar Association, Family Law Section

Legal Advisor: Hudson High School Mock Trial Team (2004-2010; team competed as state finalist in 2009 and reached state-level competition in 2010)

### **Associations**

Akron Bar Association Foundation

Fellow (1990-present)

Member, Board of Governors (1997-2005, 2008- present)

Member: American Bar Association

Elected Member, Council of Delegates: Ohio State Bar Association (2005-2006, 2007-2008 and 2009-2010 terms)

Akron Bar Association



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President (2004-2005)

Treasurer(1991-1993)

Chairman of the Grievance Committee (1988-1989)

Chairman of Investigative Sub-Committee (1987-1988)

Chairman of Criminal Law Committee (1983-1984)

Member of Executive Committee (1987-1990)

Executive Board (1991-1993)



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