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AREAS OF PRACTICE  
Litigation



I am of counsel to Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs. For over thirty years, I was a litigator, representing businesses and individuals in a broad range of civil matters and trying over 100 cases to juries. During the last few years, I have focused my practice on alternative dispute resolution.

I have served as a mediator or arbitrator in many disputes and have continued to advise clients on matters in which my experience and insights are helpful. As a strong proponent of alternative dispute resolution, I am here to help my clients explore ways in which disputes can be resolved without the expense and uncertainty of litigation.



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## EXPERIENCE

- Focuses practice on mediation, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution
- Serves a “Distinguished Practitioner in Residence” at the University of Akron School of Law
- Serves as a mediator for the Summit County Probate Court
- Member of the American Arbitration Association’s commercial arbitration and mediation panels
- Extensive jury trial experience for individuals and corporations in matters involving professional liability, product liability, wrongful death, general negligence, insurance, oil and gas and business disputes. Has tried approximately 100 cases to verdict
- Previously served as chair of the firm’s Litigation Practice Group
- Attended the Pepperdine University School of Law Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution in 2008 and has lectured at seminars and law schools on alternative dispute resolution
- Member of the mediation panel for the Federal District Court of the Northern District of Ohio
- Adjunct faculty member at the University of Akron School of Law where he teaches a course in negotiation
- Past president of the Akron Bar Association, Chair of the Akron Bar’s Judicial Evaluation Commission, a member of the Council of Delegates of the Ohio State Bar Association and Chair of the Access to Justice Committee of the OSBA

## EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut (J.D., 1980)

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (M.Ed., 1977)

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (B.A., summa cum laude, 1974)

### Admissions

Ohio Bar

Admitted to practice in various federal courts

## AWARDS & HONORS

Listed in Best Lawyers in America® (2013, 2015-2021)

Selected for inclusion in Ohio’s Super Lawyers® (2007-2012), as voted by his peers



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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  
Has received various awards for service to his community and the legal profession

## **PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

Member: Board of the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation

Chair: Revenue Enhancement Committee

Member: American Board of Trial Advocacy

Member: Board of the Akron Symphony

Co-Chair: Justice for All Campaign for Community Legal Aid Services

Account Executive: United Way

Member: United Way Torch Club

Recipient: Liberty Bell Award from Akron Bar Association

Recipient: Proclamation for Outstanding Community Volunteer from Summit County United Way

### **Past Affiliations**

President and Member: Akron Board Association

Moderator: Bath United Church of Christ

Member: Interfaith Hospitality Network for Summit County

Member: Summit County Children Services

Member: Western Reserve Girl Scout Council

President and Board Member: Western Reserve Legal Services

### **Associations**

Member and Past President: Akron Bar Association

Member: American Bar Association

Member: Ohio State Bar Association



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