

## Litigation

### Overview

Taft's General Litigation group has more than 170 attorneys who are in state and federal courts every day throughout Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and into Kentucky. We offer our clients a wealth of experience in the law and in the courts in which we practice, as well as a passion to use our experience to help solve client problems. The breadth of our practice covers the full range of litigation issues that businesses and individuals encounter. We represent public and private companies, municipalities and governmental bodies, and individuals, on a local, national and international scale.

The quality of our attorneys is apparent from the honors we receive. The group is "Top Listed" by *Best Lawyers in America* for litigation. Our litigators are recognized in the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, *Best Lawyers in America*, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana *Super Lawyers*, *The Guide to the World's Best Environmental Lawyers*, and by *Benchmark Litigation* (including *Benchmark Appellate* and *Benchmark Plaintiff* editions).

Our litigators regularly appear before tribunals throughout the U.S. We know the courts, their personnel and the jury pools from which fact finders are drawn. Our General Litigation group focuses on:

- Advertising Claims
- Affirmative Action and EEOC Compliance
- Antitrust
- Appellate
- Bankruptcy
- Breach of Contract / Unjust Enrichment
- Business Torts (i.e., tortious interference / negligent misrepresentation)



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- Business Emergencies
- Class Action and Multi-Party Litigation
- Commodities
- Condemnation Litigation
- Construction Claims and Design Contracts
- Contracts
- Corporate and Finance
- Crisis Management
- Derivative Actions
- E-Discovery
- Education / School
- Environmental
- Employment (contracts, non-competes, discrimination, harassment)
- Estate and Trust Litigation
- Equitable Remedies
- Family Law
- First Amendment and Media Law
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and International Anti-Corruption
- Franchise Law
- Fraud
- Government Relations
- Health Care Fraud and Abuse
- Insurance Coverage Litigation / Bad Faith
- Municipal Law
- Patent and Trademark Litigation
- Permit Disputes
- Personal Injury / Wrongful Death (both plaintiffs and defendants)
- Professional Malpractice
- Real Estate
- Securities
- Shareholder and Partner Meetings
- Sports Litigation
- Tax Controversy and Litigation
- Unfair Competition



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- White Collar Criminal Defense

Taft has an extensive appellate practice. While we have the experience and skill to fight our clients' battles before judges, juries, arbiters and administrative law judges, we view litigation within the larger framework of our clients' business and/or personal objectives. Not every dispute requires the commitment of executive time or the expense and disruption of otherwise profitable commercial relationships that frequently ensue when formal litigation is pursued. We have employed a variety of alternative dispute resolution techniques, including some we have created to meet the needs of clients engaged in confidential work in highly competitive industries. While we are prepared to aggressively try cases to verdict, alternatives such as mediation may provide a more cost-effective solution to solving a problem. Our litigators have represented clients and acted as mediators and arbitrators in all forms of alternative dispute resolution forums.

We also provide litigation readiness e-Discovery services to clients facing complex investigations and potential litigation. We recognize the advantage of and have used compressed discovery schedules and limitations on discovery as a way to reduce the cost of the discovery phase of litigation. The firm is a member of CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution, and a number of our attorneys are CPR or American Arbitration Association arbitrators.

A growing part of our practice involves work to minimize the risks and exposure of doing business in today's litigious world. Avoidance of litigation is one of our primary goals. Our attorneys work with our clients to define, assess and minimize litigation risks and to develop programs to help them comply with specific contractual requirements and with the laws and regulations that affect their business.