

Litigation Overview

The General Litigation Practice Area has more than 100 lawyers who are in state and federal courts every day throughout Ohio, Indiana and into Kentucky. They offer to our clients a wealth of experience in the law and in the courts in which we practice, as well as a passion to use that experience to help solve client problems. The breadth of that practice covers the full range of litigation issues businesses and individuals encounter. The quality of our lawyers is apparent from the honors they receive. Four of our litigators are Fellows in the American College of Trial Lawyers, three are Fellows of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 25 are recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, 22 are listed as Ohio Super Lawyers and 10 as Indiana Super Lawyers by *Law & Politics* magazine, and one is listed in *The Guide to the World's Best Environmental Lawyers*.

While our litigators regularly appear before tribunals throughout the U.S., what we know best are Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. We know the courts, their personnel, and the jury pools from which fact finders are drawn.

In addition to a focus on general commercial and financial litigation, General Litigation includes practice groups that specialize in:

- antitrust
- environmental
- education/school
- bankruptcy
- personal injury (both plaintiffs and defendants)
- securities and class actions
- white collar criminal law
- construction claims
- consumer law



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- health care fraud and abuse
- estate and trust litigation
- family law.

With our headquarters in Cincinnati, home to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the firm also has an extensive appellate practice. We handle cases we have tried below and many that others bring to us for our expertise.

While we have the experience and skill to fight our client's battles before judges, juries, arbiters, and administrative law judges, we view litigation within the larger framework of our clients' business 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.

We also 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.



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