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PRACTICE AREAS

- Business
 - Trusts & Estates
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EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University
College of Law (J.D.)
 - The University of Akron (Master
of Taxation, *summa cum laude*)
 - The University of Akron (B.A.,
cum laude)
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ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern
District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern
District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth
Circuit
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. Supreme Court

OVERVIEW

No Jacket, No Tie – Just Service! I was raised by and have been surrounded by entrepreneurs, family business owners, and closely held business owners (less than 10 owners) my entire life and career. I have been the sole owner, operator, and sold a corporate private investigation company employing former FBI agents and Ohio State Highway Patrol officers that provided services to some of the largest companies in N.E. Ohio, while simultaneously practicing law. I know what business owners want from their business attorney—quick responses that provide practical, real world, and result focused legal advice and representation at a fair price.

For more than 35 years, I have also represented individuals, families and business owners in estate planning, probate, trust administration, and estate dispute resolutions always striving to make these services as quick, easy, understandable, and reasonably priced as possible.

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Past Affiliations

- Stark County Park District, Commissioner (appointed by Judge Park)
- City of Canton Planning Commission, Commissioner
- S.C.O.R.E., Business Counselor
- Pro Football Hall of Fame Mayor's Breakfast Committee, Member
- Canton Players Guild Board
- GlenOak High School, Kick Off Club, Inc., Membership Chairman

EXPERIENCE

Representative Cases:

- ***Strouble v. City of Louisville (2003), Ohio Supreme Court:*** prevented City from taxing non-qualified deferred compensation plan account of a retired executive of The Timken Company.
- ***Weisel v. Laskovski (2004):*** Trial court ordered Defendant (thus his insurance carrier) to pay prejudgment interest at 10% for 2.5 years and all attorney fees for not paying fair value for totaled car.
- ***Harris Trust & Savings v. Priyanka, Inc. (Ohio's 9th Dist. Appellate Court—2004):*** prevented Chicago bank from setting aside client's winning bid on commercial real estate sold at a sheriff sale and also collected attorney's fees from bank.



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- ***Hammond Industrial v. U.S. Technology (Stark C.P. 2004)***: negotiated resolution of a dispute on large industrial construction project 2 months after filing lien and lawsuit.
- ***Fidelity Properties v. West Virginia University Hospitals (Fed. Dist. Court—Ohio 2005)***: prevented Hospital from terminating long term multi-million dollar contract.
- ***Molson USA v. Tramonte Distributing (AAA—2005)***: prevented large international beer manufacturer from terminating Akron distributor under Ohio law. First Ohio case in which an Ohio beer distributor has won a termination case after the merger of manufacturers.
- ***Renewable Lubricants, Inc. v. Royal Lubricants & Supplies (Stark C. P.—2006)***: obtained temporary restraining order and permanent injunction relating to trade secrets.
- ***Leonard Insurance Companies v. American Express Tax & Business Services (6th Cir. Fed. Court—2007)***: prevailed on claim that ERISA does not pre-empt state law claim of accountant negligence in valuation of ESOP stock.
- ***Tramonte Distributing v. MillerCoors (Ohio Fed. Dist.—2009/2011)***: obtained summary judgment in favor of Tramonte, Akron's largest beer distributor, in a lawsuit in federal court to prevent a joint venture of international beer manufacturers from terminating Tramonte's distribution franchises. Case is currently on appeal in the 6th Circuit Federal Court.

Sales and Acquisitions of Companies:

- The Maximilian Group, Inc.—corporate services
- Petty Jeep & Marine—Jeep dealership
- DD Stutz Restaurant—bar and restaurant
- Allied Truck Sales—Mack & Peterbilt dealership
- Allied Truck Leasing—semi tractor/trailer leasing company
- Allied Truck Parts—semi truck parts store
- Ringer Pool Water—swimming pool water sales and delivery
- Midwest Sign Center—retail/wholesale sign manufacturer and installer
- Renavan Rentals a.k.a Renavan PODS—mobile storage business
- Keesey Enterprises, Inc.—MAACO franchise
- Ability Management, Inc.—vocational rehabilitation services
- CMA of Ohio, Inc.—restaurant equipment sales and leasing
- Trbovich Distributing LLC—B.P. marketer and delivery of petroleum products



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- Morris Office Equipment Company—office furniture and design firm over 60 years old
- The Bowlus Service Company dba North Central Tire—multi-state wholesale tire distributor (stock sale)
- Gayson Silicone Dispersions, Inc—silicone color additive manufacturer
- Residential Bancorp—multi-state mortgage banker—(stock sale)
- Scenic View Transportation, Inc.—ambulette service (stock purchase)
- Creative Rehab, Ltd
- William Buell Insurance Agency, Inc.
- R.T. Hampton Plumbings and Heatings, Inc. (stock purchase)
- North Ridgeville Tire Center, Inc.
- Essix Resources, Inc. (stock sale – succession plan)
- Waikem Nissan, Inc. (asset sale)
- Taylor Ford Auto Dealership (asset and real estate purchase)

MEDIA

- Building Value and Successfully Selling Your Business
- Getting Ready To Sell Your Business
- All This for 7 shares of stock and \$350—Giving Employees Stock Bonuses
- Sell Your Office Building Tax Free—Like Kind Exchanges / *Small Business News Magazine*.
- Planning for Estate Taxes and Probate
- You need more than a Will—9 Other Documents Everyone Should Consider
- Power of Attorney—Choose Wisely / *Local Newspaper*
- Beneficiary Designations Trump Your Will / *Local Newspaper*
- Will I or Will I Not—Make A Will
- Simple Ways to Avoid Probate WITHOUT using a Trust
- Family Limited Partnerships after Strangi
- Accident Victims and Insurance Companies