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PRACTICE AREAS

- Intellectual Property
 - Litigation
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EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (J.D., 1974)
 - University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1971)
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ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C. Circuit
- U.S. Court of Claims
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

OVERVIEW

I am a trial lawyer with a focus on commercial litigation and intellectual property litigation. I represent clients in complex lawsuits before judges and juries, and have done so for 50 years.

Whether it's a contract dispute, theft or trade secret, patent or intellectual property problem, or any other type of business tort issue, I enjoy helping my clients navigate the sometimes difficult waters of civil litigation. The more complex the problem, the more clients seek my advice. Extremely complicated pieces of litigation, known as "Bet The Company" litigation, are my area of expertise.

My clients depend on me throughout every stage of the litigation process. I stay razor sharp every second because I understand my responses to unforeseen circumstances can determine if we win or lose. I work hard to ensure I give my clients the best trial representation possible, and I will do the same for you and your business.

AWARDS & HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (1995-2026)
- Best Lawyers® 2025 Litigation – Intellectual Property and Litigation – Patent "Lawyer of the Year" award winner in Akron
- Best Lawyers® 2023 Litigation – Patent "Lawyer of the Year" award winner in Akron
- Best Lawyers® 2023 Litigation – Bet-the-Company "Lawyer of the Year" award winner in Akron
- America's Top 100 Bet-The-Company Litigators® (2021)
- Best Lawyers® 2018 Litigation – Bet-the-Company "Lawyer of the Year" award winner in Akron
- Best Lawyers® 2015 Litigation – Patent and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" award winner in Akron
- Super Lawyers Business Edition® Intellectual Property Litigation (2015)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® for practicing in: Bet-the-Company Litigation – Defendants, Intellectual Property, Product Liability, Commercial Litigation – Breach of Contract, Business Disputes, Civil Litigation, Commercial Disputes, Complex Litigation, Covenants Not to Compete, Intellectual Property, Criminal Defense: White-Collar – Federal, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent, Product Liability



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Litigation – Defendants (2014)

- Best Lawyers in America® 2014 ‘Lawyer of the Year’ for Akron Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Ohio’s Super Lawyers® (2004-2024)
- Ohio’s Super Lawyers® Top 100 (2009-2012)
- Cleveland’s Super Lawyers® Top 50 (2009)
- Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition® Intellectual Property Litigation (2008-2010)
- Super Lawyers Business Edition® Intellectual Property Litigation (2008-2010)
- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating of AV Preeminent™

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Scanlon Inn of Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit Court, Judicial Conference, Life Member
- District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Civil Justice Reform Act (CJRA) Advisory Group

EXPERIENCE

- Handles a wide range of litigation including:
 - Numerous oil and gas cases, including class actions
 - Patent litigation
 - Unfair competition cases and trade secret litigation
 - ERISA special separation programs and/or pension claims, including class action suits
 - Employment discrimination cases
 - International litigation
 - Virtually all areas of commercial litigation
- Has extensive experience in federal litigation matters
- Joined the firm as an associate attorney in 1977; was elected partner in 1982
- Served three terms as vice president of the firm’s board of managers
- Prior to joining Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC, served a clerkship for Judge Contie, who was then of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, late Circuit Judge



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MEDIA

Presentations:

- “Current Trends in Business and Commercial Litigation: How to Protect Your Company from Unfair Competition,” ExecSense, Inc. (2012)

Publications:

- Co-Author: Chapter in the book “Intellectual Property Law 2007: Top Lawyers on Trends,” Key Strategies for the Upcoming Year entitled “A Supreme Court Case that Was Never Decided: But Did the United States Patent and Trademark Office Get the Message?,” *Aspatore Books* (2007)
- Has edited *Banks Baldwin Annotated*, “Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure”
- Contributing Author: “Inside the Minds, Developing an IP Strategy for Your Company,” chapter entitled “Winning Legal Strategies,” *Aspatore Books* (2005)