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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

- America's Top 100 Bet-The-Company Litigators® (2021)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (1995-2027)
 - 2025 Akron "Lawyer of the Year" – Intellectual Property and Litigation – Patent
 - 2023 Akron "Lawyer of the Year" – Litigation – Patent
 - 2023 Akron "Lawyer of the Year" – Bet-the-Company
 - 2018 Akron "Lawyer of the Year" – Bet-the-Company
 - 2015 Akron "Lawyer of the Year" – Patent and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
 - 2014 Akron "Lawyer of the Year" – Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rating
- Ohio's Super Lawyers® (2004-2026)
 - Top 100: Ohio Super Lawyers (2009-2012)
 - Top 50: Cleveland Super Lawyers (2009)
- Super Lawyers Business Edition® for Intellectual Property Litigation (2015)
- Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition® for Intellectual Property Litigation (2008-2010)



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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

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)



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- 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)