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Montgomery County Common Pleas Court

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## **Allen, Will**

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For over 20 years, William Allen has dedicated himself to advising his clients and addressing their specific legal needs. Starting his career with a small, Dayton-based boutique defense firm, Will has acquired experience on both sides of claims, which he finds invaluable in helping his clients. Whether he is dealing with insurance companies and adjusters pre-suit, their lawyers in court, or health insurers looking to be repaid out of a settlement or award, Will goes the extra mile to ensure his clients maximize their recovery.

Will's legal profession was seemingly pre-ordained. He is a fourth-generation attorney, still practicing with his father, Patrick, who was instrumental in his coming to the firm from the defense side. The tradition of providing sound legal advice to clients was founded well over 110 years ago when Will's great-grandfather, William A. Allen, first became an attorney. Will is only the latest in the Allen legal legacy which includes his great-grandfather, grandfather, uncle, and father.

Will's work experience pre-law was diverse. It included farm work, landscaping, construction labor, Kings Island grounds crew and retail, so he identifies with people who don't work behind a desk. He is respected by fellow plaintiff's attorneys, members of the judiciary and adversaries alike.

Will lives in Dayton with his family. He enjoys hunting, fishing and the outdoors.

### **Bar Admissions**

- Ohio, 1994
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

### **Education**

- Transylvania University, Lexington Kentucky, BA 1991
- University of Dayton, Ohio, J.D. Cum Laude 1994

### **Professional Associations**

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Dayton Bar Association
- Butler County Bar Association
- Mid-Miami Valley Bar Association
- Ohio Association for Justice
- Miami Valley Trial Lawyers Association- Past President, Current Board Member
- Dayton Lawyers Club
- Carl Kessler Inn of Court

### **Honors and Activities**

- Ohio Super Lawyer 2016
- Former Co-Chair, Boonshoft Museum of Discovery Associate Board

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## Comer, Randall

\*CPC Only\* \*Offers ZOOM Mediations\* \*Clark County\*

Mr. Comer is the managing partner of Martin, Browne, Hull & Harper, PLL, where he leads the civil litigation team. He serves as outside general counsel for numerous private corporations. As a trial attorney, Mr. Comer regularly handles labor/employment, commercial/contract, and probate/trust disputes. Mr. Comer has served as lead counsel in numerous lawsuits in both state and federal courts. And, he has appeared as lead counsel in numerous private arbitrations and in countless administrative hearings before a wide range of government agencies.

Mr. Comer has completed the Supreme Court of Ohio's mediation training program. He has participated in numerous mediations both as an advocate and mediator. Having served as panel counsel for several insurance companies, Mr. Comer has a deep understanding of insurance coverage issues, and the role insurance plays in resolving legal disputes. His approach to mediation is facilitative, evaluative, and interest-based.

Mr. Comer earned his degree in psychology with honors from the College of Charleston in 1993 and his law degree from the University of Cincinnati in 2000, where he served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *University of Cincinnati Law Review*. Thereafter, Mr. Comer was an associate with Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP until joining Martin Browne in 2003. Mr. Comer has been recognized in the profession by *Super Lawyers™* and *Best Lawyers™*. Mr. Comer was elected by his peers to serve as President of the Ohio State Bar Association and the Clark County Bar Association.

## **Conway, W. Michael**

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Mike is an attorney and CPA, practicing since 1977. He has handled over 1,000 decedents' estates as fiduciary and/or counsel for the fiduciary in numerous Ohio counties, several will contests, will construction, asset concealment, land sale and heirship actions, and is certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law.

Mike has successfully litigated many cases in trial courts in Ohio, and has won cases before several Courts of Appeals and the Ohio Supreme Court. He is licensed to appear before all Ohio state courts, the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio, the United States Tax Court, and the United States Supreme Court.

He has participated as counsel in many mediation sessions. He has worked as a Senior Tax Manager at Ernst & Whinney, international "Big Four" CPA firm (now known as Ernst & Young Global Limited, or EY).

In addition, Mike has served as a case trustee in more than 4,500 Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases, has been a Special Master in the United States District Court, an umpire in a business casualty insurance loss case, and a receiver of an operating business by appointment of the Montgomery County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas.

He has in the past held licenses as a real estate agent and as an agent for Accident, Health and Life Insurance and Annuities in the State of Ohio. He has testified as an expert witness in numerous cases, most frequently as to the value of businesses. He has been recognized as a "Super Lawyer"®.

Mike is a member of the Supervisory Committee of DayAir Credit Union, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Joseph E. and Mary E. Keller Foundation, and was one of three chairpersons of the Kettering Schools Capital Improvements Levy Campaign in the early 2000's. He has served for many years in the Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project, and is regularly appointed by the Montgomery County Probate Court to represent indigent litigants.

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**Duwel, David**

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## **Hazlett, Jeffrey**

\*CPC Only\* \*Offers ZOOM Mediations\*

### **Mediation Practice**

**September 2013-Present**

Began mediating cases in 2007

Co-Chair Montgomery County, Ohio Mediation Committee

Mediated claims for personal injury, wrongful death, nursing home negligence and wrongful death, construction claims, business disputes, dental malpractice, and police misconduct

Consulted on aviation claims

### **In-House Counsel for the Cincinnati Insurance Company 2001-2013**

Personal injury defense litigation

Defended nursing home negligence and wrongful death claims

Defended dental malpractice and dental wrongful death claims

Handled all Federal Court claims assigned to the Dayton, Ohio office

Mediated cases at request of courts and private counsel

Handled all claims against Washington Township

### **Private Practice**

**1983-2001**

Concentration in insurance defense litigation

Defended police officers charged with misconduct

### **City of Dayton Prosecutor**

**1981-1983**

Prosecuted criminal cases for the City of Dayton

### **Education**

Ohio Northern University, B.A. Business Administration and Accounting, 1978, Graduated with honors  
Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, J.D. 1981

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## Hollingsworth, Jonathan

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### PRESENT:

#### **Hollingsworth & Washington, LLC, Centerville, Ohio**

- Partner (September 1, 2015 – present)

*A Dayton-based law firm specializing in areas of Litigation, Employment, School Law, Municipal Law, Corporate & Business, Insurance Defense, Medical Malpractice and Personal Injury*

### EDUCATION:

Harvard University, B.A., History, 1980

The University of Michigan School of Law, J.D., 1983

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

#### **J. Hollingsworth & Associates, LLC, Dayton, Ohio**

- Sole Member (January 1, 2005 – August 31, 2015)

*A Dayton-based law firm specializing in areas of Litigation, Employment, Corporate & Business, Insurance Defense, Medical Malpractice and Personal Injury*

#### **Washington & Hollingsworth Co., LPA, Dayton, Ohio**

- Shareholder (March 26, 2001-December 31, 2004)

*A Dayton-based law firm specializing in Litigation, Employment, Corporate & Business, Insurance Defense, Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury and Legal Disciplinary Matters*

#### **Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP, Dayton, Ohio**

- Summer Clerkship (May 1982)
- Associate (June 1983)
- Senior Associate (July 1990)
- Contract Partner (March 1992)
- Equity Partner (March 1993 – March 23, 2001)

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*A large regional law firm with offices in six cities: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Naples, Florida, and Washington, D.C.*

*Areas of practice included: General civil, business/commercial, consumer, personal injury, employment discrimination, trademark litigation, patent infringement litigation and legal/medical malpractice litigation.*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

### **Antioch University McGregor, School of Management**

Adjunct Faculty – Negotiation and Dispute Resolution (1997-2012)

### **University of Dayton, School of Law**

Adjunct Faculty – Law Practice Management (2007-2012)

## **AFFILIATIONS:**

### **Current:**

- Member, Dayton Bar Association
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, OSBA Legal Ethics and Professional Conduct Committee

### **Past:**

- Ohio State Bar Association President (2013-2014)
- Ohio State Bar Association Immediate Past President (2014-2015)
- Ohio State Bar Association President-Elect (2012-2013)
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association Board of Governors (2008-2011; 2012)
- Chair, Ohio State Bar Association Membership, Public & Media Relations and Publications Committee (2010-2011)
- Chair, Ohio State Bar Association Advisory Council on Diversity Initiatives (2009-2012)
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association Audit Committee (2008-2011)
- Chair, Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, Supreme Court of Ohio (2000; 2001)
- Board Member, Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, Supreme Court of Ohio (1997-2002)
- Chair (2016); Member (2007; 2012) – Ohio State Bar Association Commission on Judicial Candidates
- President, Dayton Bar Association (2001-2002)
- First Vice President, Dayton Bar Association (2000-2001)

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- Second Vice President, Dayton Bar Association (1999-2000)
- Secretary, Dayton Bar Association (1997-1999)
- Bar Counsel, Dayton Bar Association (1991-1997)
- Dayton Bar Association-Thurgood Marshall Law Society-Barbara Jordan Roundtable, Summer Clerkship Committee (member)
- American Bar Association

#### **COMMUNITY/CIVIC/VOLUNTEER WORK:**

- Trustee, Ohio State Bar Foundation (2018-Present)
- Board Member, Ohio Center for Law Related Education (2015-Present)
- Chair, Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District (2006-2007)
- Board Member, Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District (2001-2007)
- Chair, Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority (City of Dayton Representative) (2008-2012)
- Treasurer, Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority (City of Dayton Representative) (2007)
- Board Member, Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority (City of Dayton Representative) (2002-2014)
- Member, Ohio Supreme Court Task Force on Rules of Professional Conduct (2003-2006)
- Member, Ohio Supreme Court Task Force on Code of Judicial Conduct (2007-2008)
- Secretary and Board Member, Dayton Bar Association Foundation (past)
- Board Member, Family Service Association of Dayton (past)
- Board President, Family Service Association of Dayton (1998-1999)
- President, Board of Trustees, Dayton Urban League (2000-2002)
- First Vice President, Dayton Urban League (1999-2000)
- Second Vice President, Dayton Urban League (1999)
- Legal Advisor, Dayton Urban League (1997-1999)
- Board Member, Board of Governors for Leadership Dayton (1995-1997)
- Board Member, Greater Dayton Public Television (1995-1996)
- Board Member, Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project (past)
- Board Member, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Dayton (past)
- Legal Advisor, Miamisburg (Ohio) Mock Trial Team (past)

#### **HONORS & AWARDS:**

Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ attorney

Ohio State Bar Association Eugene R. Weir Award for Ethics & Professionalism, 2005

Lima City Schools Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee, 2011

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## **Jones, Jr., Taylor**

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### **EDUCATION**

B.S. degree from Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana and completed the Master's Degree program at the University of Illinois, Institute of Industrial/Labor Relations. J.D. from Chase Northern Kentucky State University, in 1975. Practiced law in the State of Ohio for over thirty years.

### **CAREER OVERVIEW**

#### **Attorney and Mediator**

Experienced as trial attorney in corporate, civil, contract, personal injury and complex litigation. Served as counsel for both plaintiffs and defendants. Previously served as Special Counsel to four different Attorney Generals in Ohio.

#### **Mediation**

Mediator/Arbitrator for past twenty years. Served as court appointed mediator for Montgomery County Pleas Court for over ten (10) years. Awarded fellowship to attend National Judicial College civil mediation court. Later invited and served Faculty Assistant on forty (40) hour Civil Mediation court National Judicial College, UNLV, Reno, Nevada. Served as mediator in the following types of disputes: contracts; personal injury; real estate; employment including disability, termination and discrimination cases; health care issues; trucking; disability; construction/building; business dissolution; foreclosure; and wrongful death cases.

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## Justice, J. Steven

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After spending 15 years as a partner with a large regional law firm, Mr. Justice joined Dungan & LeFevre in 2011. He practices both civil litigation and criminal defense and represents non-profit corporations such as church denominations, individual churches, and para-church ministries.

Regarding civil litigation, Mr. Justice has experience in the areas of business/commercial litigation, employment disputes, residential and commercial construction, environmental matters, real estate litigation, personal injury, toxic torts, product liability, probate litigation, and civil rights litigation. Mr. Justice has extensive class action experience in single and multi-district litigation, and he serves as a resource with questions involving electronic discovery. With respect to environmental matters, Mr. Justice has represented clients facing civil and criminal claims involving air emissions, waste water management, CERCLA cost recovery, disposal of medical/infectious waste, solid waste landfills, disposal of controlled substances, and brownfields transactions.

### Bar Admission

Ohio, 1994

U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 1994

U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit

U.S. District Court Southern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court Northern District of Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit

### Honors

AV Preeminent

Lawyer of Distinction

Super Lawyers

### Past Positions

Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, United States Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit, Law Clerk, 1994 to 1995

Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, Partner, 1995 to 2010

### Professional Associations

Dayton Bar Association, Member

Miami County Bar Association, Member

Federal Bar Association, Member

Dayton Chapter of Federal Bar Association, former National Coordinator for the FBA's SOLACE program, President, 2016 to 2017

Ohio Bar Association, Member

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## Moore, Erin

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### Professional Background

Erin is an experienced attorney whose practice focuses on civil litigation, including personal injury and wrongful death, governmental liability, construction (defect and contractual matters), commercial/business liability, property issues, professional liability, insurance coverage, employment and consumer rights litigation.

Erin is a Martindale-Hubbell “AV Preeminent” rated lawyer and has been recognized as an Ohio SuperLawyer© annually since 2017. Erin is admitted to practice in Ohio as well as before the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Northern Districts of Ohio, the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

Over her years of practice, Erin has served as an adjunct professor for the University of Dayton School of Law, where she taught trial practice as well as an alternative dispute resolution seminar class focusing on mediation. Additionally, Erin has previously served as an arbitrator for Montgomery County’s court-sponsored arbitration program as well as on private arbitration panels.

### Current Practice:

Green & Green, Lawyers – since 1997 - Dayton, Ohio Shareholder

### Prior:

Ritter, Robinson, McCready & James – 1993-1997 - Toledo, Ohio Associate

### Education

**Law School** – The Ohio State University – JD 1993; Order of the Coif.

**Undergraduate** – Indiana University – BA 1989 – Double major: English/Criminal Justice, with High Distinction; Phi Beta Kappa.

### Professional Organizations

- Dayton Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Foundation
- Carl D. Kessler Inn of Court
- Dayton Lawyers Club

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## Page, Gregory

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Gregory S. Page is the founder and owner of Gregory S. Page Co., LPA, law firm in Dayton, Ohio. A nationally regarded litigation attorney with more than 27 years of litigation experience, Greg provides invaluable counsel and support to a diverse range of clients across the region involving any of the following matters:

Commercial litigation  
Business law/litigation  
Real estate law/litigation  
Construction law/litigation

Greg is licensed to practice in Ohio, the Southern District of Ohio, the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Greg has been named an Ohio SuperLawyer© in Business Litigation and Construction Litigation each year since 2019. Greg was named an Ohio SuperLawyer© Rising Star in 2006. Greg was named to the Dayton Business Journal 40 Under 40 in 2006. Greg is also a 2005 graduate of the Leadership Dayton Program.

### Education:

University of Toledo College of Law, *Juris Doctor, cum laude*, 1995  
Law Review  
Moot Court Board

University of Cincinnati, *B.A. Political Science*, 1991

### Mediation Training:

The Supreme Court of Ohio: Fundamentals of Mediation: 2023  
Implicit Bias and the Courts: 2023

### Professional Associations:

Dayton Bar Association  
Ohio State Bar Association  
Ohio State Bar Foundation  
Secretary of the Home Builders Association of Dayton Board of Directors  
Springboro Rotary Club

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## **Rickert, David**

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I have practiced in Dayton since my graduation from the University of Chicago Law School in 1978. Since that time, I have focused my practice on construction litigation, representing architects, engineers, and property owners in both residential and commercial construction projects. I have represented both Plaintiff and Defendants in general commercial litigation and have experience in Probate litigation, including a jury trial will contest matter in Montgomery County Probate Court last year. I have recently taken a 40-hour mediation certification course at Northwestern University's School of Professional Studies. I have also participated in mediation with a broad array of mediators and through them learned various styles of mediation.

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## **Steigerwald, Jean**

\*CPC Only\* \*Offers ZOOM Mediations\*

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES AND TRAINING – MEDIATOR**

**Mediator, Montgomery and Warren County, Ohio Common Pleas Courts, 2008-Present**

**Mediator, Resolute Systems, Inc., February, 2014-Present**

Served successfully as a Mediator in a variety of civil litigation matters including personal injury, insurance litigation, contract and consumer disputes and foreclosure actions; Certified foreclosure mediator; Mediated over 250 civil cases; in May, 2012, recognized for service and contribution to the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court Mediation Program

### **Mediation Training**

Ohio Mediation Association, April, 2013, “Impasse is a Fallacy”; The Ohio Supreme Court, August, 2010, Foreclosure Mediation Training; The Ohio Supreme Court, January, 2008, Training for Mediators for Domestic Abuse Issues; Capital University School of Law, Center for Dispute Resolution, October, 2002, Intensive Mediation Training (Successfully completed a five day intense training acquiring skills and strategies for Basic Mediation, Becoming a More Effective Mediator, Negotiation, Mediation Ethics and Handling Workplace Conflicts)

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – ATTORNEY**

**Jean M. Steigerwald, Attorney at Law, Dayton, Ohio, 1986-Present**

Concentrating in civil litigation including personal injury (including claims negotiations, jury trials and alternative dispute resolution), consumer affairs and health insurance denial matters. Successfully serves as a Court appointed guardian ad litem in delinquency and custody, abuse and neglect cases.

### **Education**

**Juris Doctor**, University of Dayton School of Law

**Bachelor of Science in Urban Affairs**, Wright State University

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Ohio Mediation Association

Warren County Bar Association

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## Whelley, II, Thomas

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With more than 30 years of litigation experience, Tom brings a communication-driven approach to provide clients with the counsel they need. He has litigated a variety of complex business cases, ranging from shareholder disputes to accounting malpractice to broker dealer actions. He also has a wealth of experience in product liability matters, having tried a variety of chemical exposure cases, as well as cases for industrial and marine products.

Understanding that litigation can be costly, Tom works with clients to develop strategies for finding resolutions short of the courtroom. He is experienced in negotiating clients through arbitration proceedings, and understands the importance of mediation in resolving disputes. By placing a premium on learning each client's operations and objectives, he is able to tailor his approach to fit their needs and help guide them to efficient, cost-effective resolutions. However, when litigation becomes necessary, he draws on his vast experience trying jury cases before state and federal courts to develop and implement a strategy best suited to each client's needs.

Also, Tom is a Harvard Law School trained mediator and an experienced neutral. He can assist you in that role to resolve your litigation disputes.

Tom's knowledge and experience in litigation isn't limited to the courtroom, as he teaches civil trial practice to law students at the University of Dayton, passing on his wealth of knowledge to help guide the next generation of litigators. He is also a board member of the Dayton Early College Academy, a unique charter school that serves underprivileged children in the Dayton area. Leveraging his experience in the courtroom with the perspectives gained through his outside efforts, Tom brings a skilled approach to providing clients the counsel and insight they need to find resolutions.

### Education

J.D., University of Dayton  
School of Law, (*University of  
Dayton School of Law  
Review*, Editor-in-Chief,  
1977)  
B.A., Kings College, (1972)  
Harvard Law School  
Mediation Training

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## **Bar Admissions**

Ohio

## **Court Admissions**

Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals  
Southern District of Ohio

## **Related Services**

Litigation  
Products Liability  
Employment

## **Memberships & Affiliations**

American Bar Association  
    Litigation Section  
    Dispute Litigation Section  
Ohio State Bar Association  
Dayton Bar Association  
Court of Common Pleas Mediator Panel Member  
Dayton Ohio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Treasurer (2014-2015)  
Association of Defense Trial Attorneys  
University of Dayton School of Law Board of Advisors (President 2000-2008, Member 1993 – 2014)  
University of Dayton School of Law – Adjunct Professor of Civil Trial Practice (1987- ).  
Dayton Bar Association, President (2009-2010)  
Dayton Bar Association Foundation Board – President (2013-2014)  
Montgomery County Public Defender Commissioner (2009-2012)  
Law Leadership Institute – Board Member (2009-2012)  
Master of the Inn of Court  
Dayton Early College Academy (DECA), Board Member  
Montgomery County Legal Aid Society, Former Board President  
National Conference for Community and Justice, Former Board Member  
Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project, Former Board Member  
Dayton/Montgomery Historical Society, Former Board Member  
Red Cross, Former Board Member and Chair of Personnel Committee  
Children’s Hospital Youth Drug Program, Former Board Member

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## **Distinctions**

2012 Dinsmore Mentor of the Year

Named "Lawyer of the Year" in Dayton for Labor Law-Management Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*®

Peer Review Rated AV in *Martindale-Hubbell*

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*© for Commercial, Labor and Employment Litigation

Selected for the Ohio *Super Lawyers*® List

Named in The *Dayton Business Journal's* "Who's Who in Law"

2011 Access to Justice Award: The Lloyd H. O'Hara Community Public Interest Award

2012 University of Dayton School of Law Steve Yuhas Alumni Special Service Award

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