

## PRACTICE FOCUS

Hill maintains a renowned litigation practice, with an emphasis on business litigation and intellectual property matters. He is one of central Ohio's most respected litigators and has been with the firm since 1970.

### Litigation

Tom has more than 35 years of experience representing individuals and businesses in all aspects of complex litigation. He prides himself on providing superior client service and identifies client goals in order to develop the most efficient and effective strategies to achieve them. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Tom's practice has received accolades from all major attorney rating services. He was recently ranked as one of the Top 10 Attorneys in Ohio by *Law and Politics Magazine*. He has been recognized as a premier "Bet-the-Company Litigator" by "The Best Lawyers in America." And Chambers USA states that "Hill's presence is key to the perceived success of the litigation practice and he is widely regarded as 'one of the finest litigators in Columbus on business matters.'"

### Representative Clients

Tom concentrates on the representation of business clients of all sizes, including Fortune 500 companies and nonprofit agencies. He successfully defended a Fortune 100 company in a \$500-million dollar claim that was tried to a jury in federal court, and has also represented a publicly-traded company in a case that produced a \$20-million dollar settlement for the client. In a widely-publicized national dispute, he represented Donatos Pizza Inc. in successful prosecution of trademark infringement claim involving Donatos' "Edge to Edge" trademark. Additionally, Tom represented the American Cancer Society in litigation arising out of a \$7-million dollar embezzlement of ACS funds.

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### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Recognized for excellence in legal work through his inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America®, Ohio Super Lawyers magazine (recognized as a “Top 100” attorney in Ohio and “Top 50” in Columbus), Chambers USA and Business First’s “The Verdict.”

Successfully defended a Fortune 100 company in a \$500-million dollar claim that was tried to a jury in federal court.

Represented a publicly-traded company in a case that produced a \$20-million dollar settlement for the client.

Represented the American Cancer Society in litigation arising out of a \$7-million dollar embezzlement of Cancer Society funds.

Represented Donatos Pizza in successful prosecution of trademark infringement claim involving Donatos’ ‘Edge to Edge’ trademark.

Successful representation of McDonald’s Corporation in a discrimination claim brought in Federal Court.

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association, member

American College of Trial Lawyers, fellow

American Inns of Court, Duncan chapter, past member

Columbus and Ohio State Bar Associations, member

Columbus Bar Foundation, Chester Professionalism Institute, 2005 chair

### PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Co-Author: Federal Civil Procedure and Evidence During Trial– 6th Circuit, a two volume treatise on trial practice in the federal courts in the Sixth Circuit.

Selected by the federal court in Columbus as one of a small group of leading trial lawyers to participate in a demonstration trial in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio sponsored by the Federal Bar Association, the purpose of which was to demonstrate exemplary trial skills to those who try cases in federal court in Columbus. Hill conducted the cross-examination of the defendant.

Selected as one of eight Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers to present a demonstration jury trial at the 2004 national meeting of the Federal Bar Association. Hill delivered the closing argument for the prosecution.

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

### EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate (1970)

*Cornell University Law School*

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (1967)

*Grinnell College*