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Engaged in professional liability/responsibility, appellate, and litigation management practice. Expert witness/consultant in numerous matters.

Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court of Ohio for four years, responsible for investigating and prosecuting professional responsibility complaints in regard to Ohio's 44,000 attorneys and judges. Special Investigator, Ohio Supreme Court Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness. Appearances in 178 Ohio Supreme Court cases.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES**

- Former Chair, Ohio State Bar Association Committee on Legal Ethics and Professional Conduct; committee officer and member for 29 years; Member, Bell Commission on Disciplinary Rules; OSBA Corporate Counsel Institutes; State Bar Volunteer Honors.
- Columbus Bar Association Liberty Bell Award for community and professional service; American Lawyer Top Lawyer; Ohio Super Lawyer; Best Lawyers in America and Appellate Lawyer of the Year 2012; Who's Who in America, 1990-2011; Who's Who in American Law; Litigation Counsel of America.
- Member, Columbus Bar Association Professional Ethics Committee, 14 years; CBA Professionalism Committee and Institutes.
- National Coordinating Counsel for ten years representing two clients involved in asbestos litigation. Averaged 22,000 cases in inventory; document management, discovery, expert witnesses and trial preparation.

- Former Partner and Ethics Committee Chair, Arter & Hadden, involved in appellate work, litigation management, securities litigation with emphasis on attorneys' professional responsibility, and investment/financing matters for the State Workers' Compensation Fund and the American National Red Cross. Transactions included State Office Tower, Toledo Governments Building; and first Red Cross public bond issue in the nation.

- Over 400 presentations, including keynote speaker, OSBA/Trinity Lutheran Seminary Faith and Law Symposium; lecturer on Legal Ethics, Fudan University, Shanghai, China; lecturer on Litigation Management and Legal Ethics, Practising Law Institutes, Boston, New York and San Francisco; speaker, ABA Commission on Impaired Attorneys, Minneapolis, Vancouver; Attorneys' Conferences for Nationwide Insurance Company and Eaton Corp.; Network of American Trial Law Firms, Florida and South Carolina; Baker & Hostetler; Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease; Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur; Bricker & Eckler; Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program; Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers Annual Meetings and Family Law Conferences; Franklin County Trial Lawyers Association; Ohio Academy of Matrimonial Attorneys; The Ohio State University; Ohio Ethics Commission; Ohio Attorney General's Office.

## **PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

- Attended Williams College, The Ohio State University and The Ohio State University College of Law (J.D. summa cum laude); member of Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif, and Pi Sigma Alpha honoraries.

- Senior Editor, the *Ohio State Law Journal*.

- Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation, Ohio Bar Foundation; Columbus Bar Foundation; member, ABA Center for Professional Responsibility and ABA Advisory Panel; Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers.

- Past member and President, Bexley, Ohio, City Council; member, Bexley Civil Service Commission; Vice President and Trustee, Creative Living; public member, Ohio Optical Dispensers' Board; Trustee, Ohio Citizens Committee for the Arts.