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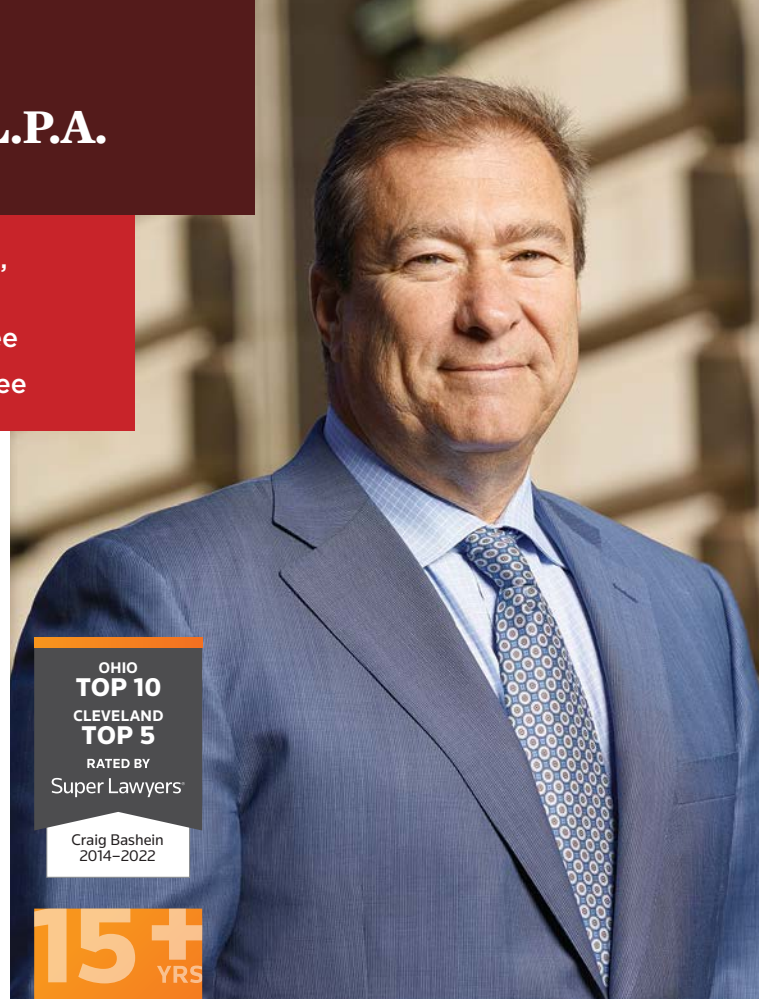
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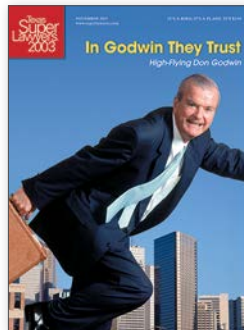
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Thank you for reading. Here's to the next 20.

Best,
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A Few Things We Came Across



Oldest Courthouse in Ohio

Standing tall since 1834, the Highland County Courthouse is the oldest courthouse in continuous use in Ohio. A mix of federal and Greek revival architecture, the stately structure was designed by architect Pleasant Arthur; a rear wing was added 50 years later. In 1938, a new courthouse was contemplated, but voters opted on the side of historic preservation. Its latest facelift was a façade restoration in 2011.



The Latest Buzz

Joe Suhre, Cincinnati criminal defense attorney and part-time beekeeper, has learned over the years that protective gear is more than just a fashion statement when you're dealing with honeybees. Story, p. 11

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Centennial Compassion

The best way to celebrate a 100th anniversary? For Hahn Loeser & Parks, whose six locations include Cleveland and Columbus, it was to launch "100 Years of Kindness." During 2020, despite the disruptions of the coronavirus, Hahn Loeser's attorneys and staff gave time and donations to 107 causes and organizations. "We had to get creative," says construction litigator **Rob Remington**, co-chair of the firm's litigation group. "Spreading kindness became contagious." Remington is involved with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and was recently named the first Endurance Honoree for the CFF's Chef's Fantasy fundraiser. He also competed in the U.S. National Whitewater Center Triathlon in Charlotte, North Carolina, raising more than \$10,000 in sponsorships for the Northern Ohio Chapter of the ALS Association. A team from the firm—including **Katie L. Steiner** (nonprofit law) and **Daniel A. DeMarco** (bankruptcy; business)—also participated in an ALS walk in support of Hahn Loeser & Parks construction litigator **Andrew Natale**, who has ALS and received the National ALS Hero Award in 2020 for his contributions.



La Dolce Vita

A few years ago, **Jon Saia**, a criminal defense attorney at Columbus' Law Offices of Saia & Piatt, traveled with friends from the Columbus Italian Club to Italy, where much time was spent learning about and savoring Italian wines. Back home, Saia says, "a few of us got together to discuss how we could bring the 'sweet life' of Italy to Ohio." They decided to import and distribute wine, and Enjoy Dolce Vita [EDV International LLC] was born. Next, they contacted wineries they had visited for samples. "Before we knew it," he says, "we had tasted enough wines we liked to fill a container to be shipped to Ohio." EDV recently received its fourth container of wine—about 6,000 bottles—with a fifth on the way, and now offers 42 labels. Many of the wines are from little-known grapes. "Azienda Vitivinicola Lombardo [winery] from my paternal grandparents' hometown contacted me for instructions on how to package a pallet for shipping because the wine was consumed only locally," Saia notes. "Needless to say, the Lombardo wines are my favorite."

An Unwilling Party

How Craig Dilger defended the University of Louisville against furious fans

When a group of angry fans sued the NCAA over the loss of the University of Louisville men's 2013 basketball championship title—and pulled the U of L into the lawsuit—Craig Dilger, repping for the university, had to strike a delicate balance.

The team had been stripped of its title—and all 123 wins from 2011 to 2014—after a woman alleged that a former U of L staffer had paid her escort service to perform striptease dances and sexual acts for prospective and former basketball players from 2010 to 2014. The NCAA eventually deemed those players ineligible. It was the first time in modern basketball history that the men's Division I championship had been vacated.

Initially, the university appealed the decision, but complied after the NCAA upheld its ruling. "It wasn't that the university wasn't upset about losing the championship," Dilger says, "but they had to be conscious of the fact that any further sort of grinding was not going to be good for them."

Soon after, though, rumblings were heard from a group of fans, the University of Louisville Protection and Advocacy Coalition, which in 2018 named the university as a party to its lawsuit.

"They filed the lawsuit and tried to get it certified as a class action," Dilger says. "And, mistakenly in my mind, [they] named the university on both sides of the v, which is just not really feasible. I mean, you can't be a plaintiff and a defendant."

But Dilger had to be careful when drafting motions and briefs. "We were only focusing on the legal issues," he says, "with little to no comment that would further inflame the fan base."

"Ultimately, what we decided to do was focus all of our energy on a particular legal principle that seemed to not be offensive to anyone—which was that the university could not be added to the lawsuit as an unwilling party."

It worked; the case was dismissed in October 2018. "We won on that procedural rule, but we got to the procedural rule largely because we had to throw out a lot of the things that we would normally fight," Dilger says. "At the end of the day, I think the fans looked at that and

said, 'We really want the championship back, but, yeah, we get it.' You can't just add the university to whatever kind of lawsuit you want and force them to be a party." —SUSAN WENNER JACKSON



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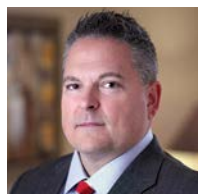
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"Our attorneys have decades of experience, and we get results," says founding partner Antony Abboud, who is also a Super Lawyers honoree for the eighth year and listed among the Top 100 in Ohio and Top 50 in Cincinnati. "Our pledge is to provide top-quality and personalized representation for every client we serve."

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A Comforting Face

Elaine Tso makes it her business to care for Northeast Ohio's Asian population

BY CAROLE HAWKINS

As a child, Elaine Tso often sat in doctors' waiting rooms while her mother acted as a volunteer interpreter between pregnant Asian women and their obstetricians, who were neither female nor Asian. Tso remembers sometimes seeing the women cry.

"When you grow up," her mother told her, "you need to become a doctor so there is a comforting face that represents this community."

Tso may have taken a different career path, but she took her mother's words to heart.

A law professor suggested she volunteer at Asian Services in Action. ASIA is a nonprofit that provides health and social services in native languages to Northeast Ohio's Asian American and Pacific Islander community, particularly the newly arrived. More than a decade later, Tso is still with the organization. Her volunteering has spanned everything from boots-on-the-ground work to serving as president of the board of directors. In 2019, she became its CEO.

Right after becoming a licensed attorney in 2006, she started out by

sorting donations of clothes, toys, tools, kitchen items and more, "because when people come to this country, typically they don't have anything." Then the staff got to know her.

"They said, 'Oh, you're an attorney? Maybe you can help us with some different kinds of things,'" says Tso, whose practice areas at her eponymous firm, which she opened in 2017, include estate planning and probate.

She soon found herself teaching newly arrived immigrants about tenants' rights. Some had come from countries where housing is provided by the government. They had no concept of leases or rent, or of the need to make non-cash payments or ask for written receipts.

"It was extremely eye-opening to me," Tso says.

At the same time, she could identify. Tso was raised in a bilingual home, but as a child, she was shy. Her teachers assumed she couldn't speak English and placed her in classes for students who spoke English as a second language.

"It's a challenge for institutions like schools to know how to tell the difference between students who can speak English and those who need extra support," Tso says. "There wasn't the infrastructure to identify them when I was young, and I was lost in that system." It took awhile for them to figure out that the quiet child didn't need ESL; she was fluent.

People often make assumptions, based on names or appearance, about how well immigrants can communicate, Tso says. That's why many immigrants become

Asian Services In Action by the Numbers

- **55-PLUS:** Number of languages and dialects spoken at the organization
- **80:** Percent of the staff that is bilingual or multilingual
- **23,286:** Patient visits to International Community Health Center 2014-2019
- **UP TO \$25,000:** Micro-loans for Asian-owned small businesses

self-employed and why ASIA supports their community's small businesses with micro-loans.

One issue is especially personal for Tso. For years, many patients from Cleveland's Asian community would board buses for an eight-hour, overnight ride to New York City's Chinatown to see a doctor who spoke their language. ASIA applied for federal grants, solicited private donations and, in 2014, opened the International Community Health Center, Cleveland's first health clinic for Asian Americans. Soon after, they opened a second location in Akron. Patients are served in English, Korean, Vietnamese, Nepali, Burmese, Karen and multiple dialects of Chinese.

The achievement brought Tso back to her mother's work and words.

"Even though I did not become a medical doctor," Tso says, "I'm still involved and serving a community that is sometimes overlooked." **SL**



Elaine Tso

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Sweet Success

How Joe Suhre turned beekeeping into a thriving business

BY M. LEIGH HOOD

Joe Suhre can't seem to get away from bees—even at the courthouse, where he has just spent part of his morning. "I probably spent 10 minutes in the courtroom and 20 minutes talking about honeybees," he says. "I can't go through the courthouse at any point without somebody stopping and talking to me about our honey, or 'How are the bees doing?'"

Suhre has been a criminal defense attorney for 22 years, and before that he spent four years as an auxiliary police officer in Blue Ash. Nine years ago, after he moved to a house with 1.3 acres on the outskirts of Cincinnati, an old friend who keeps bees asked if Suhre would be interested in setting up a hive on his new property. "It intrigued me," says Suhre. "It was something I thought we could do as a family." His wife, Mary, bought into the idea right away.

Thus the Indian Hill Bee Company was born. The Suhres now have 25 honey-producing hives. Everyone in the family—including sons Joey, 14, Mac, 12, and Jake, 10—participates in jarring, labeling and shipping honey.

"Mac is my junior beekeeper," Suhre says of his middle-schooler, who helps out with the day-to-day beekeeping and narrates informational videos for Indian Hill Bee Company's YouTube channel. "It's kind of being a good ambassador of beekeeping, and providing information to folks in a way that's easy to understand."

The time commitment varies: 10 hours a week for spring prep after the long winter; just a couple of hours a week while the bees "do their thing;" then lots of work for the spring and autumn harvests.

Suhre considers his side job an escape from the demands of his law practice, where he defends clients against DUI and other criminal charges. He hung out his shingle as soon as he was sworn in, and his firm has expanded to eight attorneys in offices in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Beekeeping is a welcome contrast. "Many aspects of it are solitary," he says. "I put in my AirPods. I typically listen to John Denver. ... It's nice to be able to just kind



Suhre and wife Mary with the rest of the staff at the Indian Hill Bee Company: sons Joey, Mac and Jake.



Joseph B. Suhre

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of tune everything out and focus just on working with the bees."

And focus is necessary. "Handling the bees the right way—doing inspections the correct way, being gentle with them—makes them happier, which means fewer stings for me."

Lessons have been learned along the way. For the kids, there are business basics—"the value of what it takes to actually run a business as opposed to just have a job," Suhre says. For Suhre, one lesson stands out. It was after a storm, when he went to take care of a hive that got knocked over. "I put on my beekeeping pants. I put on my jacket. It's got a hood attached to it and I zipped it up. ... Well, I didn't get it quite all the way up there, and I didn't notice it till, as I'm working with the bees, they became quite irritated with me and a couple of them found their way into my veil.

"I'm getting stung in the neck, on the side of the face, and the worst part is: I can hear more in there, and I can hear them buzzing around my head, but of course I can't see them. ... That's a mistake you only make once." Every season brings around 25 stings, but, Suhre says, "My reaction to the sting is less and less ... even in the same season."

Business is booming at the Indian Hill Bee Company, which always sells out of honey. "We've got a pretty big fan base," Suhre says. "People who love honey love honey." 🐝

Suhre's Favorite Things About Beekeeping

- **SOLITUDE:** It's an opportunity to work by myself, with just the bees, outside and without distraction.
- **NATURE:** There's nothing more amazing than learning, watching and nurturing the bees. Nature in its raw form is humbling and awe-inspiring.
- **HONEY:** Let's not forget about the product of the bees' hard work! Honey is rich in antioxidants and phytonutrients.
- **HELPING NATURE:** Bees are prolific pollinators. For every pound of honey, bees visit 2 million flowers.
- **WORKING WITH FAMILY:** Mac and Jake help with the beekeeping; Joey fills honey jars, applies labels and packages the honey. Mary helps with social media and the website: IndianHillBeeCompany.com.



The Strategist

Gerry Leeseberg knows when to go on the attack and when to rein it in

BY HARRIS MEYER

At a 2018 trial in Franklin County, Gerry Leeseberg needed a way to make the jury connect with his client, Bradley Metts, a boy who became paralyzed at age 9.

Leeseberg was arguing that the boy's "locked-in" syndrome was due to an alleged cascade of medical errors.

A defense expert had claimed in deposition that Metts was brain-dead, which, if true, could have weakened the claim for non-economic damages. Leeseberg's challenge: to show the jury that this was a bright, personable young man.

So the Columbus attorney opened the trial with Metts introducing himself to the jury by putting words together on an electronic letterbox using his eyes—the only part of his body with which he could communicate.

"That was a stroke of genius," says the judge in the case, Charles Schneider, now section chief for criminal justice at the Ohio Attorney General's Office. "It was an excellent move. Gerry wanted the jury to see the condition of his client, but he respected his client and didn't want to embarrass him. A lesser attorney would have had the boy sit in front of the jury for the entire trial."

He won a \$44.5 million verdict for Metts and his parents, including \$20 million in non-economic damages, believed to be the largest individual personal injury verdict ever in Ohio. The judgment was against the lab firm; settlements had already been reached with the physician's office and the hospital.

Leeseberg has spent nearly 40 years fighting for clients and families in the wake of injuries and deaths due to mistakes by health care professionals.

"Every one of these cases is a frickin' movie," says Leeseberg, who doesn't always use euphemisms when describing what he sees as bad-faith behavior by physicians, hospitals and their hired medical experts. "The law in my business is pretty static, but every medical case is different. It's a fascinating learning experience."

And often heartbreaking. There was the \$2 million verdict in 2010 for the parents of twin 3-year-old boys who died after outpatient tonsillectomies and adenoidectomies. The suit alleged that they should have been admitted to the hospital for the procedures and post-op monitoring. Leeseberg says it was the most emotionally difficult case he's ever handled, made harder because his own son was about the same age as the twins. "I struggled during the whole trial to keep myself from crying," he says. "I can't imagine anything more devastating than losing a child, let alone losing two kids."

He's currently representing 17 families whose loved ones died from 2014 to 2018 after being administered fatal overdoses of fentanyl and other painkillers ordered by Dr. William Husel in the intensive care units at two Mount Carmel Health System hospitals. The health system is owned by Trinity Health, a large national Catholic hospital chain. Husel is scheduled for trial in February on 25 counts of murder.

Leeseberg's clients are suing the hospital system and Husel, alleging wrongful death. The hospital system says it had no knowledge of Husel's actions until it fired him in late 2018. Leeseberg contends in court filings that the hospital knew, or should have known, that Husel was incompetent.

He hired a polling firm, which found that most Columbus-area residents thought a medical provider should have to pay large damages even when a patient was near death—as most of Husel's patients were—before being administered a fatal overdose. He has used those survey findings to settle nine of the 17 cases so far.

Leeseberg has long helped lead the battle to fend off efforts by Ohio physicians, hospitals and insurers to make it harder for injured patients to seek legal recourse. For many years he advocated for the state trial lawyers' group (now the Ohio Association for Justice) against the Ohio State Medical Association's pushes for legislation restricting patient lawsuits.

He laments that, along with the wins, he has lost many rounds in Ohio's traditionally Republican-dominated Statehouse and Supreme Court, including on the issues of non-economic damage caps and the one-year statute of limitations on medical malpractice claims. In his view, these tough limits have reduced the incentive for health care providers to improve patient safety conditions.

Still, his cases have established legal precedents expanding the rights

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of Ohio plaintiffs. One broadened the definition of the next of kin who qualify for compensation to include grandparents. Another case established that damages cannot be reduced based on a plaintiff's previous health behaviors, like smoking, because they had nothing to do with the medical negligence.


On the subject of physicians who testify as defense experts, he says, "Many times the defense's medical expert will say, 'I wouldn't have done it that way, but physicians do things differently,'" Leeseberg says. "The first thing I ask is, 'Tell me why you don't do it that way.' Once you force him to explain, he's basically making my case."

Still, Leeseberg prides himself on having a good reputation in the medical community. He says he regularly receives case referrals from physicians he's sued and defense attorneys he's opposed, and has even become friends with some defendant doctors after their cases were resolved. He has also represented physicians in about a dozen cases over the years.

"Gerry's at the top of the list of attorneys that defense lawyers would refer cases to," says Patrick Smith, a veteran defense attorney at Poling Law in Columbus who was on the opposing side in the Metts settlement. "That's how the entire bar feels about him."

Smith says Leeseberg knows when to be rough in the courtroom, and when to be gentle. He recalls defending a surgeon who had failed his certification board exam several times. Representing the plaintiff, Leeseberg politely asked the surgeon about each of his efforts to pass the exam. "The surgeon ended up shooting himself in the foot by saying, 'Yes, I failed; yes, I failed; yes, I failed,'" Smith says. "That was a talented way for Gerry to present the case, as opposed to coming across as a bully."

Leeseberg, who's 67, hopes to wrap up the Husel cases by the end of this year and turn his full attention to preparing his two younger partners to take over his firm so he can retire, possibly this year. He wants to take art and piano lessons, read books he's never read, play more golf, learn a foreign language, and travel the world with his wife, Cindy. As a cancer survivor, he's looking forward to this next phase of his life.

"I have no intention of dying at my desk like some lawyers have a need to do," he says. 

Case in Point

Gerry Leeseberg's passion for golf proved professionally valuable in one dramatic case. In November 2009, a young member of his golf club went to the ER with abdominal pain and received a CT scan. The radiologist said it showed no blood clots, so Todd Pontius was sent home. The next day, he died of a pulmonary embolism.

After his death, the radiologist's practice partner, who belonged to the golf club, looked at the scan. He told the golf club pro that the defendant "blew it" by missing the clot, according to depositions from the golf pro and the Pontius family physician, also a club member, who said he heard the conversation. Leeseberg says the golf pro told Pontius' widow about the conversation—and suggested she speak with Leeseberg.

Leeseberg filed a malpractice suit against the hospital and radiology group and went to trial in 2015. When he attempted to call the golf pro to testify about his conversation with the second radiologist (who denied during deposition that he had said there was a blood clot), the defense objected. The judge ruled that testimony from the golf pro would be inadmissible.

After losing the trial, Leeseberg appealed the judge's ruling. In 2016, the appellate court ordered a new trial. Then the hospital and radiology group quickly agreed to pay a confidential settlement.

Leeseberg says he's had no social problems with anyone at the club—including member doctors—in the aftermath of that case.

"Everyone loved Todd," he says.

Promoting Pro Bono

Diane Menashe has a knack for enlisting people to lend a hand—especially to those in the criminal justice system

BY JENNY BURMAN

Diane Menashe is on a mission to create access to justice for incarcerated people eligible to receive a judicial release—and she's brought six firms together to make that happen.

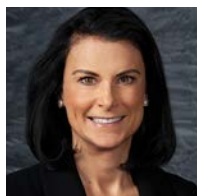
The Columbus attorney has been a champion for criminal defendants for nearly 25 years, first at the public defender's office, in the death penalty division; then at her own firm, where she worked for 19 years. On Dec. 28, 2019, she joined Ice Miller, where she became the firm's first director of litigation training and pro bono services.

In Ohio, judges have the option of imposing non-mandatory sentences, which give incarcerated individuals the right to request early release at some point, depending on the length of their original sentence. However, state law does not provide the right to counsel to navigate the release process. Those individuals must therefore hire their own lawyers to argue for their eligibility, or file pro se. Menashe says this puts an unfair burden on people of color.

"So, yes, you have a right to [early release]; but, no, you don't get an attorney," says Menashe. "We know that, within our criminal justice system, there are racial disparities in sentencing. As a legal community, we can work to dismantle this systemic failure in a number of significant ways. One is to provide those disproportionately impacted—persons of color—with access to justice."

Menashe began the project by filing a public records request from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for data on incarcerated defendants of color who were legally eligible for judicial release. "We started with Franklin County, and I formed a coalition of law firms because I thought that there would be greater impact if we did this work as a community."

She recruited five other firms to team up with Ice Miller on the Judicial Release



Diane Menashe

Ice Miller; Criminal Defense; Columbus

Coalition: Squire Patton Boggs; Baker & Hostetler; Jones Day; Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease; and Bricker & Eckler.

The JRC is an initiative of Ice Miller's Racial Justice Task Force, which the firm launched after events of 2020, including George Floyd's murder. "It was that moment for me," Menashe says—the moment to bring people together to address racial wrongs in the justice system.

Beginning in December 2020, nearly 100 JRC lawyers have participated in a significant number of judicial-release filings. In addition to literally opening doors for incarcerated individuals, the project gave associates at participating firms litigation training and in-court experience.

"The marriage between the training and the pro bono work [seems] like an obvious one to me," says Menashe, who for the past five years has also served annually as faculty in trial advocacy workshops at Harvard Law School.

"She's so charismatic and committed to the pro bono projects that she has started and recruited people for," says business litigator John Gilligan, a colleague at Ice Miller. "People are fighting to get these cases. They love this work. They are excited about it."

That's just the reaction Menashe was hoping for. "Many associates that are doing racial justice work have reached out [to] say, 'I never thought I could do this kind of work and be at a firm,'" she says. "I just did a hearing this morning with an associate from Baker. She was like, 'This is the coolest thing I've ever done since I became a lawyer.'" **SL**

Why Diane Menashe Does Pro Bono

The idea of pro bono work does not appeal to all. "People think it's like volunteering," Menashe says. "It would be really incredible if, as a legal field, we started thinking about pro bono as equal in value to our billable work and look to our communities to identify the needs."

Still, she understands the reluctance from some. "A lot of criminal defense attorneys would say, 'I do enough. I can't give more.' I do appreciate that, but I also appreciate that all of us who do criminal defense work know of the gross inequities that exist within our system—not just obvious socioeconomic but the racial disparities. We can't, in my opinion, really close those gaps unless we start to make more sacrifices."

But Menashe believes there's a trend toward deeper commitment to pro bono. "It's 2021, and our clients care, and our lawyers care, and our staff care," she says. "The light is shining on these issues more brightly now. You can't turn away as easily now from injustices that are going on."

"The next generation wants to be doing this kind of work."

Speaking for Survivors

Richard Schulte and Michael Wright represent sexual-abuse victims of former OSU physician Richard Strauss BY CARLOS HARRISON

The allegations of abuse spanned 20 years. Twenty more passed before Ohio State University publicly acknowledged them and launched an investigation that identified 177 victims.

All young male athletes. Wrestlers, fencers, swimmers and more. OSU students mostly, but high schoolers, too.

That was just the beginning. The findings triggered a cascade of suits accusing former athletic department physician Richard Strauss of groping, raping or otherwise sexually abusing students. More than 500 have come forward with claims; Wright & Schulte has represented more than 200 of them.

"Most of these sexual abuse cases, these are lifelong injuries for these victims, as opposed to some of the other accident cases where a person heals a broken bone. This stays with them for their entire life," says Michael L. Wright, a negotiator for the plaintiff's firms. "And as we talk to them, it's like ripping off the scab again every time they have to go back and focus on what occurred."

Lead negotiator Rick Schulte says, "You have people dealing with depression, problems with managing relationships, failed relationships, problems with sexuality, substance abuse, and career troubles."

It took nearly a year of negotiations to reach a settlement, followed by an independent evaluation of each claim. In May 2020, OSU announced that 162 victims in a dozen lawsuits had accepted the initial total \$40.9 million payout. Soon, 23 more accepted the settlement, adding another \$5.8 million to the total.

But hundreds of claims remained, including 58 handled by Schulte, Wright, and Florida-based civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump. "Ohio State has refused to allow them to participate in mediation or in the Strauss Individual Settlement Program," Schulte says.

Last fall, Judge Michael Watson dismissed hundreds of claims for plaintiffs

who did not participate in the settlements. Wright & Schulte planned to appeal that ruling to the 6th Circuit; they also remained hopeful that OSU would decide to offer settlements in those cases.

There are also victims who never file claims. "There are survivors we talk to all the time who don't decide to file because they're worried about their identity being known," Schulte says.

One hurdle shows up in what Schulte calls a common question he gets asked: *Why would a powerful football lineman or wrestler let a doctor do that without resisting?*

"It's a stupid question," Schulte says. "They come, most of them, from humble beginnings. This is their entire pathway to the rest of their life and being successful—whether to become a professional athlete, or whether they go out into the professional world. And they have a coach in administration ordering them to go see a doctor that has the power to clear them to play or not. ... Their whole life is riding on whether or not they go to see this doctor."

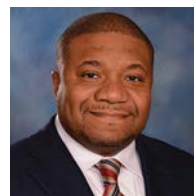
The OSU-initiated investigation found that Strauss performed unnecessary genital and rectal examinations, showered with male athletes, and asked uncomfortable questions about their sexual activities. As many as 20 OSU employees may have been aware of the complaints. In 1996, Strauss was removed from the department after some complaints but remained at OSU as a tenured professor, then was granted emeritus status upon leaving in 1998. The investigation took place 20 years later.

In 2018, stories surged in the media about Larry Nassar, the former Michigan State University athletics doctor and U.S. women's national gymnastics team physician accused of abusing more than 250 gymnasts. Some former OSU athletes saw similarities to what happened to them. They complained, sparking the investigation and the



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lawsuits. By then, Strauss was dead, having died by suicide in 2005.

Schulte says the result at OSU should be a message to all universities with serial sex abusers on their campuses: "You're going to get caught, and you're going to pay. Simple as that."

HEAVY LOAD

The OSU case is not the only one Schulte has handled involving complaints against alleged sexual predators. He has also handled cases against priests. "There's not a day in my life in the last four or five years," he says, "that I haven't worked on some aspect of a case on behalf of a survivor."

And now, Schulte is co-lead counsel and Wright is on the plaintiff steering committee in a sexual-abuse case against the University of Michigan for the acts of late former athletic doctor Richard Anderson. "More than a thousand have come forward or made claims," Schulte says. "We have an epidemic going on at our universities." 📌

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'A PRESENCE YOU CAN'T LEARN'



Jennifer Moore is eloquent,
charismatic—and takes no prisoners

BY RJ SMITH
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AS A CHILD, JENNIFER MOORE spent hours listening to the stories of her grandfather, a natural raconteur who hailed from rural Pike County on the eastern edge of Kentucky.

She recounts a favorite: “He convinced a man to allow him to put a Dixie cup on top of his head and stand across the street. Then Grandfather bet him he could shoot the star in the Dixie cup while it sat on top of his head. And the man *agreed!*”

“I used to think, ‘What a tall tale,’” says Moore, with a smile and a contagious laugh. “Then, when I was in high school, I actually met the man who agreed to do it, and he swore that it happened.” Luckily, her grandfather was as skilled at shooting as talking.

Moore is a natural communicator as well—a talent showcased in the narratives she crafts for juries. She garnered international attention in 2019 by winning \$80 million in damages (later reduced to \$25 million) for Edwin Hardeman in the first federal Roundup lawsuit against Monsanto, manufacturer of the weed killer. Hardeman, now 72, lives in Santa Rosa, in California’s wine country. For decades, he mixed Roundup with water and used it in a pump sprayer to kill poison oak and weeds on his property. He was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma in 2015.

“All odds were against us—a true David versus Goliath story—but hard work, determination, and a commitment to justice for our client prevailed,” says Moore, who has run her own firm since 2007. “Everyone thought we weren’t going to win, except for us.”

It seemed like a long shot, particularly when the judge bifurcated the case, declaring that Moore and co-counsel Aimee Wagstaff, a founding partner at Denver-based Andrus Wagstaff, would have to prove that Roundup caused cancer before they could argue that Monsanto had buried evidence—a claim the corporation has denied.

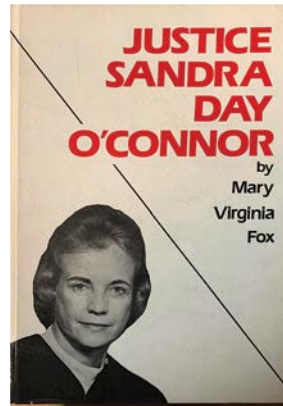
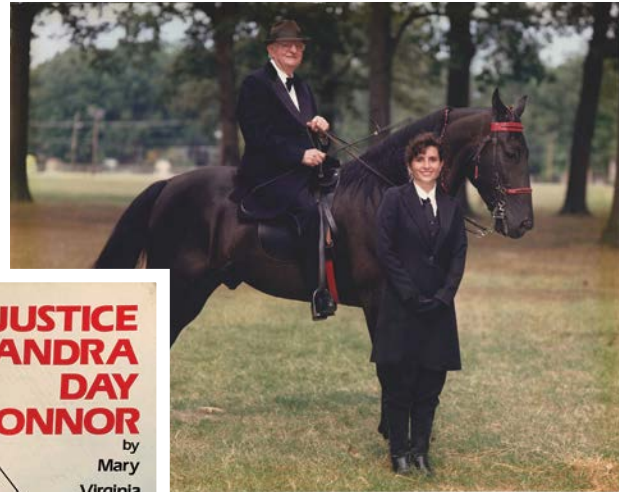
After the San Francisco jury agreed that Roundup had caused Hardeman’s cancer, Moore and Wagstaff were allowed to continue to the next phase on liability and damages, in which they claimed Monsanto buried reports of the herbicide’s danger and ghostwrote scientific reports claiming Roundup was safe.

“She is a badass,” says Brent Wisner, a mass torts attorney with Baum, Hedlund, Aristei & Goldman in California who was co-lead plaintiff’s counsel in the first successful case against Roundup, tried in state court. He calls her “one of the most thoughtful, methodical and charismatic lawyers I have seen in a courtroom.”

“She has a presence you can’t learn. I would say there’s nothing worse in the world than being at the end of her cross-examination. And she does it with her smile and her charming Southern accent,” he says. “She is friendly until you suddenly realize you’ve given up your case.”

Moore and Wisner are now co-lead counsels of the California Judicial Council Coordination Proceedings (JCCP), in which thousands of plaintiffs claim their cancer was caused by the heartburn medication Zantac, which was recalled by the FDA in 2020. Trial is set for this October in Oakland, California.

“It’s all about connecting, and I think she connects because she’s very relatable,” says Ginger Susman, executive chair of settlement administration company Archer Systems and a friend of Moore’s. “She’s a country girl who didn’t grow up rich. She is a self-made girl. She actually is unlike many mass tort lawyers because she is a



Above: Moore, age 16, enjoys an equestrian outing with her grandfather, Clinton Moore, astride his granddaughter’s show horse, Ebony Masterpiece (“Big Eb”).
Left: The book that inspired a young Moore to become a lawyer.

bona fide trial lawyer. I have seen how she has honed her trial skills throughout the years to this point.”

Roundup remains a large part of Moore’s work schedule. Last August, Bayer, the parent company of Monsanto, filed a writ of certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court, a last-ditch effort to overturn previous court outcomes. “I don’t see a need for this case to take the court’s precious time,” she says.

Moore was also instrumental in negotiating the \$10 billion mass settlement Bayer agreed to in 2020, involving thousands of claimants in the California Roundup JCCP.

She views the Roundup case in the context of a long-running legal battle to reign in an industry. “What we have tried to accomplish is a societal change, just as when people took on the tobacco industry,” she says. “The odds are against you when you are taking on one of largest corporations in the world.”

“We’ve been in the trenches for [five] years. Monsanto can throw everything they can at me; and trust me, they have.” That includes trying to discredit both her and her clients, she says. “But I’m not going to back down. I’ve devoted my career to provide a voice to those harmed.”

“It’s been a long journey,” she observes with a chuckle—a quiet one this time. “I’m just going to say that.”

PADUCAH, WHERE MOORE GREW UP, is a small western Kentucky town facing the Ohio River to the north. Her grandfather ran a family auto dealership. “My dad worked six or seven days a week selling cars,” Moore says. Grandparents on both sides lived nearby—one set across the street, the other just a mile down the road. “Their love and support made me believe I could always do whatever I wanted to do.”

Her sister, Angie, went into education but now works at Moore’s firm, where she is the director of public relations and litigation support. “She has been instrumental in the settlement for thousands of Roundup victims,” Moore says.

Women were power centers within her family: One aunt lobbied for public education in Frankfurt; another was a lawyer who is

now a published fiction author. Home didn't provide a context in which feminism was advanced—"I grew up in a very traditional household," says Moore—so much as a place where family members were encouraged to pursue goals. "Everyone spoke their mind, and if you wanted to do something, you just went and did it with the support of the extended family."

She had role models outside the family, too. Paducah had a woman mayor, Martha Layne Collins was governor, and Sandra Day O'Connor had recently been named the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court. In third grade, for a class biography book report, she chose Justice O'Connor. "I decided in fourth grade that I wanted to be a lawyer, and I never wavered," Moore says.



Moore (right), broadcasting at the 2014 KET Fancy Farms event with retired KET host Bill Goodman and KET director of public affairs Renee Shaw.

Politics, Kentucky Style

Moore's Paducah home is close to Fancy Farm, the rural Kentucky venue for one of the most essential political traditions in the state, the annual Fancy Farm Picnic.

What makes it special isn't the 20,000 pounds of mutton and pork barbecued every year. It's the emphatic, yowling, all-American discourse that reaches back almost a century. Poles from all over the state enter the ring formally called the speaker's pavilion, and mercilessly let loose on the other side. At Fancy Farm, the audience has the freedom to heckle and shout back at the speakers. In theory, at least, it becomes a great social leveler, the town square of Kentucky politics.

Moore remembers going as a child in the '70s, but the 1992 picnic stands out, when presidential candidate Al Gore made an appearance. She has broadcast from the event in her role as commentator on KET Public Television.

"It was so exciting to go there as a first-time voter," Moore says, and she notes the event's ability to make or break a candidate. "I've seen Fancy Farms where I watched a speech and knew right then that this person is not gonna win—you can tell by how much they fire up the crowd. Timing is everything in politics; and in Kentucky, it starts to get revealed over Fancy Farms weekend."

After graduating from the University of Kentucky College of Law, Moore clerked for a chief judge of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, which provided "incredible insight into what's behind the curtain." Then she went to San Francisco and practiced commercial litigation on the defense side at a big corporate firm for three years.

"Not the path for me," she says. "I wanted to use my skills to help individuals." She headed back to Kentucky. "It was great to live in California in my 20s," she says with a shrug, "but I was very happy to be home."

For a few months, she took a leave from law to work on Lois Combs Weinberg's Senate campaign against Mitch McConnell and has remained active in Democratic politics ever since. Moore regularly appears as a commentator on Kentucky Educational Television, where she is an ever-smiling presence. On election night, she always makes a point of looking like she is having fun, keeping her cool in a space often flooded with rage and rumor.

In 2007, Moore volunteered on Steve Beshear's successful campaign to become Kentucky's governor. That same year, she became head of the state Democratic party, the youngest party chair in the country and one of the few women at the top of a state party. In 2009, she moved on to found Emerge Kentucky, a nonprofit that trains Democratic women, particularly those of color, to run for office. She was board chair of the organization for more than a decade, and continues to be active on the board and executive committee. Nearly 300 women have been trained, and 42 are serving in office today—from school board members to lieutenant governor.

"I truly believe politics is the last frontier for women, the best chance to equal the playing field," she says. "The more women in positions of power, the more likely little boys and little girls will see women as powerful figures."

As for running for office herself? "Maybe one day. I've been asked that many times. But it has to be the right office, one where I think I can make a difference."

WHEN SHE STARTED PRACTICING LAW, Moore was frequently the only woman in the room, and now, "in many circumstances, it will be all women—so, yeah, it is changing, dramatically, since I started practicing about 24 years ago," she says. "We still have a ways to go in increasing the number of women who own firms or are in charge of their firms." Although the stats on law school admissions are promising, she cautions, "We need to see what happens 10, 20 years out in the practice."

Day-to-day moments show her how much work remains. "I get mistaken frequently for being *not* a lawyer," she says. Just last summer, she walked into a deposition at which two people asked if she was the court reporter. "I have *great* respect for court reporters," she adds. "I just turn and I say, 'No, I'm the lawyer—and *who are you?*'"

Both in society and the justice system, Moore observes, "change occurs slowly." But she is patient. As she waited last summer for word from the Supreme Court on the Roundup appeal, she reflected on the famous Martin Luther King Jr. quote: *Justice too long delayed is justice denied*.

"At times, justice can be very delayed," Moore says. "You have to have the mindset that perseverance and determination will win out. You can't give up. And I won't ever give up." **SL**

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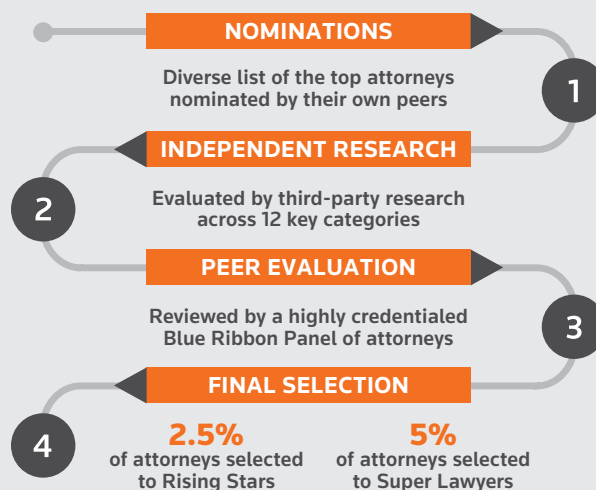
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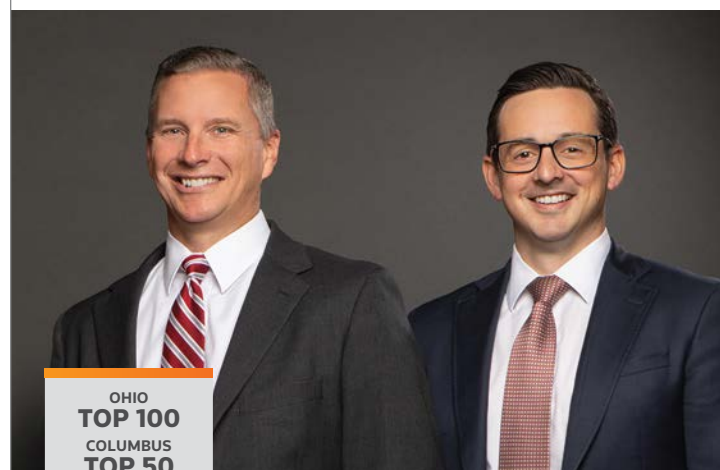


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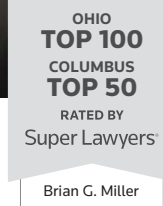
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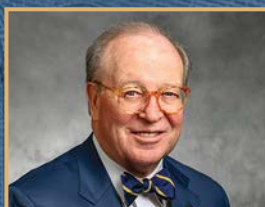
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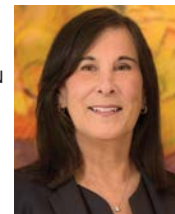
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Mr. Griffith has been practicing law since 1991 and currently is licensed in Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. He has litigated to successful conclusion many multi-million dollar catastrophic injury cases in all three states. He has been recognized by his peers in Ohio as an Ohio Super Lawyers honoree, a recognition given to only five percent of the state's attorneys on several occasions. Mr. Griffith has been certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy as a National Civil Trial Advocate since 2004. During his career, Mr. Griffith has conducted well over 100 trials and has had many successful jury verdicts for his clients. Several verdicts, at the time they occurred were the largest jury verdicts ever recorded in several Ohio counties.

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When a person suffers an injury, it commonly causes problems extending far beyond the pain associated with the injury itself. It affects relationships, financial security, employment opportunity and mental health. So, when someone suffers an injury, they look to their attorney to be a problem solver. Travis Holtrey genuinely enjoys having the opportunity to solve people's problems. He is challenged and honored to be entrusted with the task of helping people when they are facing trying circumstances and feeling helpless. Mr. Holtrey's family has instilled in him a strong work ethic and dedication to achievement. Because of that foundation, he refuses to be outworked and that commitment has greatly benefited his clients through the years.

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Brad Levine joined Voudris Law in 2014 as an associate. Brad was selected to the Ohio Rising Stars list for 2017-2022, which is an honor reserved for those lawyers who exhibit excellence in practice. Only 2.5% of attorneys in Ohio receive this distinction. He is a 2012 graduate of the University of Toledo College of Law, where he earned a certificate in labor and employment law. He also graduated *magna cum laude* from Ithaca College, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in communications and a minor in writing. While in law school, Brad won the Charles W. Fornoff Moot Court competition and served as a teaching assistant for civil procedure. Brad also clerked for Judge Stuart Friedman in the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court.

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Bob Meyers handles all aspects of family law including divorces, domestic relations disputes, custody and support issues, juvenile court and parenting and support matters and adoptions. He has substantial experience handling divorce cases involving spousal and child support issues, custody cases and complex business valuations. Bob also represents privately-held businesses in general corporate practice and transactions, and assists families in estate planning and succession planning. In addition, Bob handles civil trials and appeals of business, construction and real estate disputes.

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Since beginning his legal career, whether working in-house or in private practice, Brian has always worked in a smaller, tight-knit, collaborative work environment. After gaining experience at several small firms in Columbus as a litigation associate and focusing his practice in areas from general business to consumer litigation, Brian started his own firm in June of 2007 and shortly thereafter began to work as the general counsel for a real estate developer in Columbus, Ohio. After almost three years in-house in 2010, Brian focused all of his attention to the expansion of his own firm, Kooperman Mentel Ferguson Yaross, with his practice consisting mainly of representing landlords, tenants, buyers and sellers in commercial real estate transactions.

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Brian G. Miller focuses his practice on significant plaintiffs' personal injury cases, including those involving construction accidents, workplace and premises negligence, and serious roadway accidents. Mr. Miller is a former Assistant Franklin County Prosecutor. He is a graduate of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and a member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. *The Best Lawyers in America* recognized him as the personal injury "Lawyer of the Year" for Columbus for 2019. He has consistently achieved successful results for his clients, including the largest verdict in the State of Ohio, a Top 100 U.S. verdict, in 2017. Mr. Miller is also outside counsel to the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets and has been recognized for superior client service.

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Philip Korey practices criminal defense in state and federal courts, ranging from white-collar crime to DUI. He also represents physicians before state medical boards. Mr. Korey has obtained acquittals in numerous jury trials. He has also successfully appealed convictions and later obtained acquittals. One such case involved a death row inmate. Recently, he won a new trial based on prosecutorial misconduct on a 22-year-old murder case. Mr. Korey is a frequent lecturer at legal seminars. He tutors Constitutional Law in the Cleveland Public School District. His poem entitled "Kill," a reflection on capital punishment, was published in *VINDICATOR*, the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers magazine. Reported cases can be viewed on his website.

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Charles W. Miller is the owner of and lead attorney for Charles W. Miller & Associates. As of 2021, Charles has over 24 years of trial, ADR, administrative hearing and general litigation experience in state and federal court proceedings and before administrative tribunals representing plaintiffs in cases involving personal injuries, employment and labor-related claims, medical and hospital negligence, nursing home negligence and abuse, motor vehicle and trucking accidents, employee discrimination, sexual harassment, employer retaliation, whistleblower actions, EEO claims against governmental agencies, civil rights actions and lead counsel class action experience in failure to pay overtime compensation under state and federal wage and hour laws.

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Lindsay Nelson has experience in a variety of lawsuits, in state and federal court, representing clients that range from local individuals and start-ups to national corporations. Lindsay focuses her practice on commercial real estate and construction disputes, litigating issues surrounding professional liability, negligence, breach of warranty, code violations, easements, indemnification, and contribution. Lindsay also handles business disputes and matters involving breach of fiduciary duties, breach of contract, trademark infringement, minority-member rights, and employment-related disputes.

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CRIMINAL DEFENSE

Michael G. Polito is a partner in the firm which he founded with Derek Rodstrom. Michael is a native Clevelander and attended St. Ignatius High School. His undergraduate studies were completed at the University of Detroit, where he was admitted to the Honors Program and studied English and Philosophy, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in 1987. Michael received a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Cleveland Marshall College of Law in 1990. He has served as a mentor to numerous young lawyers in The Ohio Supreme Court Lawyer-to-Lawyer Mentoring Program. Michael is a member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum and is a life member of the Eighth District Judicial Conference.

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Focused primarily on advocating for and protecting privately owned businesses, Mr. Redden offers comprehensive representation in all aspects of commercial/business law and litigation. He seeks to protect a company's assets and interests while at the same time developing strategies to mitigate the risk of legal issues and promote business growth. He has defended clients against lawsuits and employment practices violations, brought and defended trade secret matters, and litigated a wide variety of business matters. As an adviser, he counsels business leaders on topics such as employment policies, negotiating agreements, and transactional disputes.

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PERSONAL INJURY GENERAL: DEFENSE

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PERSONAL INJURY MEDICAL MALPRACTICE: PLAINTIFF
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David Shroyer is a native of Middletown Ohio. He attended The Ohio State University and graduated in 1977. He attended Capital University Law School and graduated *cum laude* in 1980. He grew up in Troy Ohio and was an assistant Franklin prosecutor from 1980 until April 1982. In 1981 he was assigned to assist senior assistant prosecutor Tom Beal to investigate and prosecute Dr. Donald Plotnick. Dr. Plotnick, a podiatrist, with a past record of gun charges, was indicted on arson charges relating to lighting a drug dealer on fire in the attempt to collect a drug debt.

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