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Practice Areas

Commercial Law
Commercial Real Estate
Construction
Financial Services Litigation
Insurance Coverage
Municipal/Government Law
Nursing Home Defense Litigation
Premises Liability
Product Liability
Residential Real Estate

Education

- Indiana University College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2001)
- Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences (B.A., 1993)

Overview

Mike is a creative problem-solver, an aggressive litigator, and a thoughtful business advisor. His practice is divided between helping businesses with compliance/transactional matters and vigorously advocating for their rights during litigation when necessary/inevitable.

In his transactional and compliance/regulatory practice Mike prides himself on his ability to solve unique and complex problems. Mike believes the keys to his success are understanding his client's businesses, establishing/maintaining effective relationships built on integrity and trust, then being able to deeply research the most complex areas of law, as necessary, to provide sound counsel and guidance for his clients to achieve their goals or minimize certain risks. Mike is experienced handling compliance and transactional matters in various areas of law including matters that involve consumer and commercial real estate transactions, e-discovery, cyber law and privacy issues, consumer transactions, violations of debt collection law or consumer law, advertising law, Medicare and healthcare law, environmental law, school law, intellectual property (copyright, trademark, trade secrets, unfair competition), franchising, contractual/licensing matters, and navigating various federal regulatory schemes (OSHA, FERPA, HIPAA, GLB, TILA, RESPA, FDICPA, MMSEA, etc.).

On the litigation side, Mike has been lead counsel in numerous trials and has skillfully represented his clients before various regulatory bodies. He is committed to achieving the best outcome for his clients in the most cost-effective manner even if this sometimes means trying cases to verdict. Mike frequently advocates for his clients in state and federal courts by providing insurance defense and direct representation defense against a broad range of claims involving federal statutory litigation, complex torts, business and commercial claims, construction defect claims, professional liability claims, product liability claims, real estate disputes, premises liability claims, environmental claims, advertising injury arching goal of each matter is to collaborate with the client to identify and achieve the best, cost-effective solution for their particular circumstance - even if this means going to trial.

Mike and his family regularly engage in various service activities in conjunction with other organizations such as the local Boy Scouts, Mount Carmel Christian Church, and many local schools in Clermont County.

Experience

- Representing a business during an unemployment tax appeal
- Representing a client in a complex multi-party product liability litigation involving a product failure that resulted in a fire
- Counseling a contractor regarding perfecting mechanic's liens and related security interests.
- Representing consignees, consignors, and carriers in various interstate commerce litigation
- Representing a fortune 500 company in a complex multi-state contract/construction dispute
- Counseling various businesses in drafting procedural forms to limit their liability and enhance their profitability
- Representing a construction vendor from a premises liability claim
- Representing various businesses and individuals in real estate disputes
- Counseling clients with regard to property tax, land use, and zoning concerns
- Representing banks, contractors, and other small businesses to pursue delinquent accounts and collect money
- Representing individuals and small businesses in real estate acquisitions, dispositions, and disputes pertaining to rights-of-way
- Representing a client in defending an eminent domain proceeding
- Counseling clients regarding cybersecurity preparedness, data breach response, disputes and litigation, and regulatory investigations

Admissions

- State of Ohio
- State of Indiana
- Commonwealth of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Ohio Bar Association
- Indiana Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Cincinnati Bar Association
- Clermont County Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Rotary Club of Batavia, Ohio - Past President
- Past Assistant Governor for Rotary District 6670 (Southwest Ohio)
- Clermont County Board Of Developmental Disabilities (Board Member)
- Clermont County Advisory Board for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati
- Volunteer Coach for the West Clermont Soccer Club and Cincinnati United Soccer Club Southeast

Presentations

- "How to Get Paid For Every Job! How to Avoid Collections Problems; Minimize the Effect of Bankruptcy; and Understanding Mechanic's Liens." Presented at ABC Supply Company's annual College of Knowledge for contractors and home service professionals. January 23, 2014
- Cincinnati Bar Association - Health Care Law Presentation on Best Practices and Settlements, December 8, 2011
- OACTA - Medical Malpractice Seminar On Medicare Compliance, August 12, 2011
- OACTA - Annual Meeting Presentation on Medicare Compliance, November 11, 2010