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**Birth Place/Date:**

- Cleveland, Ohio, October 5, 1953

**Education:**

- Dayton Chaminade High School, 1971
- The Ohio State University, B.A., Social Theory and the American Experience, 1975 (Phi Beta Kappa)
- The Ohio State University College of Law, J.D. , 1978

**Practice Areas:**

- Civil trial practice, land use litigation, medical malpractice, personal injury, commercial litigation, ethics
- AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell

**Bar Admissions:**

- Ohio, 1978
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, 1978
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, 1982
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1986
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1989
- The Florida Bar, 1990

**Professional Activities:**

- Ohio State Bar Association  
President (2008-2009)  
President-Elect (2007-2008)  
Board of Governors (2007-Present)  
Legal Ethics & Professional Conduct Committee (1990-Present) (Sub-Committee Chair, 2002-2007)
- Dayton Bar Association  
President (1998-1999)  
Executive Committee (1982-1983, 1996-2000)  
Chair, Certified Grievance Committee (1987-1990)  
Member, Certified Grievance Committee (1980-1990)  
Co-Chair, Bench-Bar Conference (2007)
- The Florida Bar  
Board of Governors (1998-2000, 2003-2007)  
Chair, Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics (2004-2005)  
Statewide Advertising Reviewer (2005-2007)  
Medical-Legal Committee (2006-2007)  
Out-of-State Practitioners Division, President (1994-1995),  
Executive Committee (1992-2007)

- Campaign for Equal Justice, Chair (2005-2006)
- State of Ohio, Attorney General, Special Counsel (1988-1995)
- Ohio State Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Dayton Bar Foundation, President (2000-2001)
- The Florida Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Center for Justice & Democracy, Fellow
- Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- Miami Valley Trial Lawyers (Executive Committee 2003-2006)
- Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers
- CLE Speaker – Dayton Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, The Florida Bar, Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers, Middletown Regional Foundation, Dayton Intellectual Property Law Association, Montgomery County Common Pleas Courts, Federal Bar Association
- Ohio Bar Liability Insurance Company, Board of Directors, (Executive Committee 2007-Present)

**Civic and Community Involvement:**

- Judicial Nominating Committee (appointed by Governor Ted Strickland) (2007)
- The Ohio State University Marching Band  
Alumni Board of Governors (2001-Present)  
(Legal Chair 2005-Present)
- League of Women Voters of Greater Dayton (1980-Present)  
Chair, Candidate Forum Committee (1999-Present)
- NAACP (2003-Life Member)
- Chair, City of Germantown Charter Commission (1985)
- Salvation Army, Townview Advisory Counsel, President (1991-1994)
- Germantown Rescue Squad Annual Fund Drive Committee (2004-2005)
- President, Township Hall & Opera House Restoration Co., Ltd. (1994-2003)
- President, Gazette Publishing (1992-1996)
- Dayton Amateur Softball Commission  
Board member (2000-2006)  
Volunteer, City youth coach (2002-2005)  
Lou DeSaro Award (2005)
- VVBASE, youth coach (1986-2000)
- Valley View youth basketball coach (1991-2000)
- Chaminade-Julienne High School, Eagle Council
- Board of Directors, Block Hunger (2007)

