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Education:

1978, University of Dayton School of Law, Juris Doctor

1975, San Diego State University, B.A. Mass Communications

1973, Merced College, Associate of Arts

Bar Admissions Since 1978:

United States Supreme Court
State of Ohio
Commonwealth of Kentucky
U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals 10th Circuit
U.S. District Court, Colorado
U.S. District Court, Northern District, Indiana
U.S. District Court, Southern District, Indiana
U.S. District Court, Western District, Kentucky
U.S. District Court, Western District, New York
U.S. District Court, Northern District, Ohio
U.S. District Court, Southern District, Ohio
U.S. District Court, Western District, Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court, Southern District, Texas
U.S. District Court, Eastern District, Wisconsin

Pro Hac Admission Jurisdictions Since 1978:

Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware,
Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland,
Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York,
Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon,
Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia,
Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin

Professional Associations:

National Association of Legal Fee Analysis
American Society of Legal Writers
Legal Writing Institute
American Bar Association
Federal Bar Association, Northern District Ohio
Ohio State Bar Association
Kentucky State Bar Association
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
National Association of Consumer Advocates
(Board of Directors Member, 2010-2016)

Professional Recognition:

2025 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters Corp.*, Professional Division
2024 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters Corp.*, Professional Division
2023 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters Corp.*, Professional Division
2022 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters Corp.*, Professional Division
2021 *Certification* in Ethical Legal Billing & Reasonable Attorney Fees by National Association of Legal Fee Analysis
2021 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters Corp.*, Professional Division
2020 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters Corp.*, Professional Division
2019 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters Corp.*, Professional Division
2018 Ohio Super Lawyer in, *Thomson Reuters Corp.*, Professional Division
2017 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters Corp.*, Professional Division
2016 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters Corp.*, Professional Division
2015 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters Corp.*, Professional Division
2011 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters Corp.*, Professional Division
2010 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters Corp.*, Professional Division
2009 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Law & Politics Magazine*
2008 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Law & Politics Magazine*
2007 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Law & Politics Magazine*

2006 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Law & Politics Magazine*
2005 Ohio Super Lawyer, *Law & Politics Magazine*
2004 Trial Lawyer of the Year, National Association of Consumer
Advocates (Boston, MA)

Board Examiner: 2002 Civil Trial Law, National Board of Legal Specialty
Certification

Publications

Los Angeles - Long Beach - Anaheim Metropolitan Area Consumer Protection Law
Practice & Attorney Fee Survey Report, 2026-2027
Cleveland Greater Metropolitan Area Consumer Protection Law Practice & Attorney Fee
Survey Report, 2026-2027
Seattle-Tacoma Greater Metropolitan Area Consumer Protection Law Practice &
Attorney Fee Survey Report, 2026-2027
Friday on Fees, Rates & Rules (weekly newsletter) 2022-2026
How to Plan, Prepare, and Handle Attorney Fee Motions, Dec. 1, 2025
Factors That Degrade Attorney Fee Awards in Fee Shifting Litigation, Oct. 2, 2025
The Law Student's Guide to the Economics of Practicing Law Successfully, 2025
Ohio Consumer Law 2025-2026 ed., Ch. 31 Recovering Attorney Fees, Thomson
Reuters, 2025, 2026
How to Plan Your Attorney Fee Motion, 2025
Ohio Consumer Law, 2008-2024 (various chapters on Consumer Law, including,
Odometer Fraud, Assistive Device Lemon Law, Lemon Law), Thomas Reuters
Finding Management Success in the Business of Law, 2021, 2024
15 Blunders in Seeking an Attorney Fee Award, Oct. 2, 2023
United States Consumer Law Practice & Attorney Fee Survey Report 2023 California
Metro Edition, July 30, 2023
How to Plan For and Handle Attorney Fee Motions, Nov. 5, 2022
Tips on Handling Attorney Fee Hearings, Sept. 14, 2022)
The Business of Law, 2011, 2021, 2024
2019 Update of Consumer Protection Law Developments (Hawaii), 2009-2021, ABA
State Consumer Protection Law, Ch. 19 (Kentucky), 2021, ABA
United States Consumer Bankruptcy Law Attorney Fee Survey Report 2017-2018, Jan.
19, 2020
Seattle Greater Metropolitan Area Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report, 2019-
2020, June 1, 2020
Law You Can Use, 2018, Ohio St. Bar Assn. (Various articles
United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report 2017-2018, Sep. 10, 2019
United States Consumer Bankruptcy Law Attorney Fee Survey Report 2015-2016, Mar.
13, 2018
United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report 2015-2016, June 12, 2017
Recovering Attorney Fees in a Consumer Law Case, 2010-2015
U.S. Consumer Bankruptcy Law Attorney Fee Survey Report, 2015

United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report, 2013-2014
 Confidentiality in Settlement Agreements: Point/Counterpoint, ABA *GPSolo Magazine*,
 Nov-Dec 2012, 29 ABA *GPSolo Magazine* #25
 United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report 2012-2013, Washington State
 Edition
 United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report 2012-2013, California
 Southern Metropolitan Area
 United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report, 2011-2012
 United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report, 2011-2012, 2nd District Court
 of Appeals Area, California
 United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report, 2010-2011
 United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report, 2010-2011, Executive Edition,
 Vol. 1, Vol. 2
 United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report, 2010-2011, Ohio Region
 United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report, 2010-2011, Top 10 Cities
 Edition
 United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report, 2010-2011, Top 20 Cities
 Edition
 United States Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report, 2008-2009, California, 2nd
 Edition
 Attorney Fee Hearing Factors & Testimony, The Consumer Advocate, Vol. 14, No. 1,,
 2008, Contributing Editor, NACA
 Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey, 2007
 Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey, 2005
 Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey, 2003
 Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey, 2000

Seminar Presentations on Attorney Fee and Practice Issues:

- July 10, 2026 - 2026 Litigation and advocacy Leaders Conference
 - Funding Equal Justice, Getting Attorney Fee Recoveries in Public
 Interest Litigation
- Nov. 15, 2025 - Consumer Rights Litigation Conference, Washington D.C.
 - How to Retire from Consumer Law Without Being Broke
- April 16, 2025 - COURT, Committee on Regional Training, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 - AutoFraud & Vehicle Related Fraud Cases
- April 26, 2024 - Virtual FCRA Kickstart
 - Handling Attorney Fee Motions, How to Plan for and Handle
 Attorney Fee Motions and Hearings
- 2018 - 2022 - National Association of Legal Fee Analysis

- Establishing Hourly Rates: It's All Local
- September 2021 - Cincinnati Bar Association, Volunteer Lawyers Project
 - Practicing Law, Ethics, The Secret of Professional Success
- 2018 - University of Houston Law Center (Houston, TX)
 - Visiting Speaker Series, Teaching Consumer Law
 - Attorney Fees - The Need to Know
- November 2015 - National Consumer Law Center
 - Client Problems & Problem Clients: Ethical Considerations
- May 2012 - Ohio Bar Association, Ohio Poverty Law Center
 - How to Make a Living Practicing Law
 - Practicing Six Sigma in Law
 - Building a Business
 - The Secret of Success
- February 9, 2012 - University of Houston Law Center (Houston, TX)
 - Visiting Speaker Series, Consumer Law Studies
 - The Economics of Practicing Consumer Law
- October 29, 2011 - National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (Colorado Springs, CO)
 - Entrepreneurial Lawyer Myths, Business Economics and Success
- 2011 - National Consumer Rights Litigation Conference
 - Expert Witnesses at Trial
 - Selecting and Preparing Expert Witnesses
- April 29, 2011 - National Association of Consumer Advocates
 - Webinar, Examining the US Consumer Law Attorney Fee Survey Report
- October 26, 2010 - University of Houston Law Center (Houston, TX)
 - Visiting Speaker Series, Consumer Law Studies
 - The Economics of Practicing Law
- May 14-16, 2010 - National Association of Consumer Advocates
 - 2010 Autofraud Litigation Conference (Chicago, IL)
 - Running a Successful Law Office in a Difficult Economy
 - Strategies for Getting You and Your Client Paid
 - How to Strengthen Your Claim for Attorneys Fees
- May 14, 2010 - Institute for Foreclosure Legal Assistance

Grantees Meeting (Chicago, IL)

- Recovering Attorney Fees
- Practicing Six Sigma to Achieve Better Fee Awards

May 13, 2010 - Ohio Association for Justice, Consumer Law
Seminar Annual Convention (Columbus, OH)

- Business Success, 2010

October 22-25, 2009 - National Consumer Law Center
Consumer Rights Litigation Conference (Philadelphia, PA)

- Doing Well While Doing Good, Course Planner, 2 Sessions
- Business Success, 2009
- Practicing Law Profitably

September 17, 2009 - Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University
(Columbus, OH) Visiting Speaker Series, Consumer Law Studies

- The Economics of Practicing Consumer Law

February 5, 2009 - University of Houston Law Center (Houston, TX)
Visiting Speaker Series, Consumer Law Studies

- The Economics of Practicing Consumer Law

October 24-26, 2008 - National Consumer Law Center
Consumer Rights Litigation Conference (Portland, OR)

- Doing Well While Doing Good, Course Planner & Sessions
- Successful Billing and Fee Practices

September 6, 2008 - National Association of Consumer Advocates
2008 Mortgage Lending Litigation Conference (Cleveland, OH)

- Recovering Attorney Fees

May 23-24, 2008 - University of Houston Law Center (Houston, TX)
Teaching Consumer Law

- Recovering Attorneys' Fees

May 16-18, 2008 - National Association of Consumer Advocates
2008 Auto Fraud Litigation Conference (Houston, TX)

- Attorney's Fee Practices & Issues

November 8-11, 2007 - National Consumer Law Center
Consumer Rights Litigation Conference (Washington, DC)

- Doing Well While Doing Good, Course Planner & Sessions
- The Business of Law
- Billing and Attorney Fee Issues
- A Mock Attorney Fee Hearing

2007 - Ohio Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division
- Private Staff Seminar, Consumer Law, Attorney Fee Issues

February 1, 2007 - University of Houston Law Center (Houston, TX)
Visiting Speaker Series, Consumer Law Studies
- The Economics of Practicing Consumer Law

November 10-13, 2006 - National Consumer Law Center (Miami, FL)
Consumer Rights Litigation Conference
- Doing Well While Doing Good
- Recovering Attorney Fees: Practice, Procedure, Thoughts

November 5-8, 2004 - National Consumer Law Center (Boston, MA)
Consumer Rights Litigation Conference
- Practicing Consumer Law Profitably in 2004

September 27, 2002 - OSBA - OCLE - 7th Annual Consumer Law
(Columbus, OH)
Institute - Course Planner and 2 Sessions
- Current Attorney Fee Cases

September 20, 2002 - The Ohio Supreme Court Judicial College
"Civil Law Topics - Consumer Sales Practices Act" Judge's Conference
- CSPA Attorney Fee Issues

April 8, 2002 - The Ohio Supreme Court Judicial College
"Consumer Sales Practices Act" Conference for Judges, Course
Planner
- CSPA Attorney Fee Issues

May 4, 2001 - Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers 43rd Annual
Convention (Columbus, OH)
Consumer Law Section Seminar
- Preparing for the Fee Hearing & Complying
With Disciplinary Rule Requirements

October 30, 2000 - National Consumer Law Center
Auto Fraud Conference - Sessions
- Attorney Fee Issues

May 11, 2000 - Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Preparing for a Fee Hearing

November 8, 1999 - National Consumer Law Center
Auto Fraud Conference - Sessions

- Law Office Economics

October 10, 1998 - National Association of Consumer Advocates
7th National Consumer Rights Litigation Conference - 1 session
- Law Office Economics

Note: In addition to the above, since 1985, over 50 seminar presentations on specific areas of law and trial and practice methodologies and strategies presented nationwide to legal associations, law school classes, and groups.

Significant Case Specific to Attorney Fees

Bittner vs. Tri-County Toyota, Inc. (1991, Ohio Supreme Court), 58 Ohio St.3d 143 (a ground-breaking case that decided how an award of attorney fees is to be calculated in all civil litigation commenced under Ohio's Unfair Deceptive Acts and Practices statute, the Consumer Sales Practices Act, O.R.C. 1355.01 et seq., and widely followed in other Ohio Fee Shifting Statutes by state and federal courts in Ohio.

Cases Where Identified as an Expert Witness

Expert Witness Courtroom and deposition testimony 2022 to 2026:

June 8, 2026, *Nonin Brooks v. R1 Motors, Inc., dba Mercedes-Benz of North Olmsted*, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, Ohio, Case No. CV-22-960169, Arbitration Hearing

June 11, 2025, *Weyland v. Crost's Custom Car Center*, Allen County Common Pleas Court, Ohio, Case No. CV2020 0373

April 15, 2025, *Jordan CYR, et al v. Ford Motor Company*, Wayne County Circuit Court, Case No. 2017-006058-NZ (Arbitration Hearing on Attorney Fee Issues in Ford DPS6 Transmission Cases, 2 Class/Mass Action Cases)

June 28, 2024, *Kani Harvey Hightower v. Susan Steinhauer*, Summit County Court of common Pleas, Ohio, Case No. CV 2022-11-3777

Expert Witness Affidavit / Declaration Testimony Only:

October, 2025, *Destan Sulejmani v. Fluor & Starr Insurance*, United States Dept. Of Labor, Office of Administrative Law Judges, OWCP NO. LS-02506224

July 17, 2025, *John K. Pattee v. Nexus Rvs, LLC*, United States District Court, Northern District of Indiana (South Bend), Case No. 1:22-cv-03228-EA

May 25, 2026, *Stevontay Davis v. Auto Palace, Inc.*, Franklin County Common Pleas Court, Ohio, Case No. 2024 CV 002822

March 5, 2025, *Angela Lamiman v. Cypress Pipeline & Process Services, LLC, et al*, United States Dept. Of Labor, Office of Administrative Law Judges, OWCP No. LS-08458783

December 17, 2024, *Najibullah Haidary v. DynCorp International & Starr Indemnity*, United States Dept. Of Labor, Office of Administrative Law Judges, OWCP No. LS-18460428

December 10, 2024, *Kyle Burgett v. SD Orrville, LLC*, Wayne County Common Pleas Court, Ohio, Case No. 2023 CVC-H00042

December 4, 2024, *Lashante McGhee v. Vectrus Systems Corp., et al*, United States Dept. Of Labor, Office of Administrative Law Judges, OSP NO. LS-08478462

October 18 2023, *Tina McPherson v. Suburban Ann Arbor, LLC*, United States District Court, E.D. Michigan, S.D., Case No. 2:20-CV-13152-DML-DRG

August, 2023, *Jeffrey S. Feller, et al v. Giant Inland Empire RV, et al*, United States District Court, N.D. Indiana, South Bend Division, Case NO. 3:22-cv-99572-DRL-MGG

Cases Where Identified as an Expert Witness Only: (no testimony)

2026, *Bright, et al, v. Brookdale Senior Living, Inc.*, United States District Court, M.D. Tennessee, Nashville Div., Case No. 3:19-cv-00374

2025-2026, *State of Texas v. Colony Ridge, Inc., et al*, United States District Court, S.D. Texas, Houston Div., Case No. 4:240cv000941

Kathleen Anderson et al v. Evan Hammerman, Circuit Court, Montgomery County, Maryland Case No. C-15-CV-22-004542