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Alan currently serves as President of the Cincinnati Bar Association for 2025-2026. He litigates regularly in state and federal trial courts around the country and is experienced arguing in state supreme court and intermediate state and federal circuit courts of appeal. He handles complex breach of contract, class action, and commercial claims across many industries. He represents debt buyers under the FDCPA and related state law. He has long helped insurance carriers handle or litigate challenging coverage claims. Alan is also solicitor for the Village of Fairfax, Ohio and regular or special counsel for several Ohio joint fire districts and political subdivisions, advising them across the spectrum of their operations as public servants. He uses his significant litigation experience to assess claims early, mediating or resolving them informally to mitigate risk and control cost when that is the best course and helping clients prevent or limit claims before they arise. Alan is Vice Chair of the Firm's Office of General Counsel and served for several years as co-chair of the Commercial Litigation practice group. He also serves the community and the legal profession in several volunteer capacities that hold personal meaning.

Services

- Litigation
- Class Action
- Antitrust & Trade Regulation
- Appellate | Legal Issues
- Insurance Industry
- Municipal & Government
- Gaming & Sports Industry

Education

- Northwestern University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1993)
- The Ohio State University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1990)
 - Honors in the Liberal Arts and distinction in Political Science

Bar Admissions

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Ohio

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Affiliations/Memberships

- Leadership Cincinnati, Class 39
- Cincinnati Bar Association
 - o Board of Trustees, President
- Supreme Court of Ohio, Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness
- Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, board member
- · Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services, board President
- Ohio State Bar Association/American Bar Association

Distinctions

- Best Lawyers®
 - "Lawyer of the Year" in Cincinnati for Insurance Law (2021), Litigation Insurance (2022), Mass Tort/Class Action (2024)
 - Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation Insurance (2021-2024)
- Ohio Super Lawyers®
- Volunteer Lawyer of the Year (2010)
- AM Best's Recommended Insurance Attorneys
- Ohio State Bar Foundation, fellow
- · Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers, fellow and past chair