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Tom is an accomplished litigator who has handled trials, mediations, negotiations, and client counseling in a variety of complex matters. He has defended companies in mass tort, toxic tort, and environmental cases involving multi-plaintiff litigation and a variety of alleged toxins (including benzene, lead, gasoline, diacetyl, and zinc) that were alleged to have been found in manufactured products or environmental emissions. Tom has significant experience handling general liability claims involving premises liability, products liability, and land-use disputes, as well as contractual and commercial litigation. He also leverages his technical background to litigate intellectual property disputes involving claims of patent infringement as well as trade secret misappropriation and trade name and trademark infringement.

Tom has extensive experience practicing in both state and federal courts throughout much of the Midwest, including experience in complex and multi-district litigation. He is licensed to practice law in Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana.

For nearly a decade prior to his law career, he worked in a series of information technology leadership roles at one of the world's largest and most diverse technology and manufacturing corporations. He worked with business partners to design, develop, and implement a wide variety of complex technology and business process reengineering solutions. As an attorney, he has leveraged this background to better understand the operations and legal needs of his business clients and to bring a practical problem-solving approach to legal disputes.

In the course of his litigation work, Tom has developed a thorough understanding of the Medicare Secondary Payer statute and has advised clients on all aspects of litigating and settling cases that may give rise to Medicare reimbursement or reporting obligations. He is a member of the firm's Information Systems, e-Discovery, and Medicare Secondary Payer compliance committees and has led the firm's litigation training program for new associates for several years.

He earned his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

### Services

- Product Liability

- Mass Tort
- Toxic Tort
- Tort
- Natural Resources Industry
- Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Insurance Industry

## **Education**

- University of Cincinnati College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*)
  - Order of the Coif
  - Law Review, notes and comments editor
- University of Dayton (B.S., *cum laude*)
  - Management Information Systems

## **Bar Admissions**

- Ohio
- Indiana
- Illinois

## **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth 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 Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

## **Affiliations/Memberships**

- Cincinnati Bar Association
- Greenhills Fire Department, Firefighter 1-A, EMT-B (2003 - 2010)
- The Children's Home of Cincinnati
  - Young Professionals Board (2008 - 2018), chairman (2008 - 2014)
- Central Montessori Academy
  - Board of Trustees Advisory Council

- Governance Committee (2009 - present)

## Distinctions

- Ohio *Rising Stars*®

## Experience

### Fixodent Denture Cream Litigation

Dinsmore's Product Liability Team recently received a ruling in favor of The Procter & Gamble Defendants ("P&G") which is the first in the country to assess and reject the scientific basis for lawsuits filed by a number of Fixodent® users.

Frank C. Woodside, III, and his team serve as counsel for P&G defendants concerning Denture Adhesive Litigation. In that litigation, Judge Cecilia Altonaga oversees discovery in the Multi-District Litigation involving more than 150 plaintiffs who seek damages for personal injuries that allegedly resulted from their use of excessive amounts of Fixodent, manufactured by P&G, and/or Poligrip, manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline. The current litigation was initiated in 2009 against P&G. The Federal cases were eventually consolidated in Miami with a number of other cases pending in state courts throughout the country. P&G has steadfastly defended the safety of Fixodent.

On June 13, 2011 Judge Altonaga issued a *Daubert* opinion granting P&G's motion to exclude virtually all of the Plaintiffs' proposed expert opinion testimony that purportedly supported the link between extremely excessive use of Fixodent denture adhesive and neurological disease.

## Publications

November 18, 2019

### Emerging Concerns Regarding Silica Exposure in the Engineered Stone Industry

November 29, 2017

### The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia Rules the WVSCMRA Does Not Abrogate Common Law Waivers of Subjacent Support