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Emmanuel is a partner in the firm's Product Liability Practice Group. He represents manufacturers, suppliers, and other corporate defendants in high-stakes product liability, pharmaceutical, medical device, and mass tort litigation across federal and state courts nationwide. His product liability experience includes defense of claims involving a wide range of medical devices and pharmaceutical products, including arthroscopy pumps, cervical spine implants, surgical instruments, and various pharmaceuticals. Emmanuel also counsels insurers in complex coverage disputes, including high-exposure matters involving mass tort, environmental and toxic tort, abuse, and stop-loss claims. His practice spans multidistrict litigation, coordinated and consolidated proceedings, putative class actions, and individual product liability suits. Emmanuel counsels clients through all phases of complex litigation, from early case assessment and pleadings through discovery, depositions, expert preparation, and trial. He works closely with scientific and technical experts to develop litigation strategies in cases involving complex medical, pharmaceutical, and engineering issues. He is known for distilling complex legal and factual issues into precise, persuasive arguments that advance client objectives.

Education

- Yeshiva University (B.A., *with honors*, 2012)
- Yeshiva University (M.A., 2014)
- New York University School of Law (J.D., 2017)
 - Executive Editor, New York University School of Law Journal of Legislation and Public Policy

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

Professional Affiliations

Practices & Industries

- Product Liability
- Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Litigation
- Insurance Coverage Litigation
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution

- The Judge John M. Manos Inn of Court
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) National Young Leadership
- Jewish Federation of Cleveland (*Board Member, Young Leadership Division; Member, Ben Gurion Society*)
- Yeshiva University Bernard Revel School of Graduate Studies (*Dean's Advisory Council*)

Awards & Honors

- Named to *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants (2022-2026), Commercial Litigation (2023-2026)
- *Cleveland Jewish News* “12 Under 36: Members of the Tribe” Award (2022)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars list (2023-2026)

Languages

- Hebrew
- French

Experience

- Secured summary judgment for a component part manufacturer on multiple grounds, including federal preemption and the Biomaterials Access Assurance Act.
- Obtained findings of fraudulent joinder supporting removal to federal court leading to settlements favorable to the client in multiple medical device suits.
- Obtained multiple dismissals of claims against a biomaterials supplier at the pleadings stage based on the Biomaterials Access Assurance Act.
- Obtained dismissal of claims by 96 non-resident plaintiffs at the pleadings stage in a product liability mass action.
- Obtained a favorable outcome for a medical device manufacturer in a complex breach of contract action seeking to recover damages from a component part manufacturer and supplier resulting from a large-scale consumer product recall.
- Handles all aspects of federal and state civil litigation, including pleadings, motion practice, and trial preparation.
- Drafts and researches pleadings during all stages of litigation, including motions to dismiss, discovery motions, dispositive motions, motions *in limine*, *Daubert* motions, and other complex procedural motions.
- Takes and defends depositions in local and national contexts.
- Effectively and efficiently handles pretrial discovery, including the management of large-scale electronic discovery in product liability matters.
- Experienced in insurance defense litigation including drafting coverage opinions.

- Performs advanced legal research and analysis on a variety of topics.
- Completed extensive research as a law student through various research assistantships in the area of product liability, including assisting a professor with his groundbreaking article on autonomous vehicle liability, "A Roadmap for Autonomous Vehicles: State Tort Liability, Automobile Insurance, and Federal Safety Regulation," 105 Calif. L. Rev. 1611 (2018).
- Served as Judicial Clerk to Justice Neal Hendel of the Supreme Court of Israel where he drafted portions of Justice Hendel's opinions on a wide range of subjects including defamation of public officials, treatment of terrorists, securities law, expansion of the doctrine of *res ipsa*, and marriage equality.

News & Media

January 5, 2026

UB Greensfelder Elevates Two Attorneys to Partner

August 21, 2025

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2026 List

December 17, 2024

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 57 UB Greensfelder Attorneys in 2025

August 15, 2024

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 List

December 29, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 50 Ulmer Attorneys in 2024 Lists

August 17, 2023

Ulmer Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Report

January 6, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 69 Ulmer Attorneys in 2023 Lists

August 18, 2022

Ulmer Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2023 Report

August 30, 2021

Ulmer Attorney Emmanuel I. Sanders Joins The Judge John M. Manos Inn of Court

February 16, 2021

Two Lateral Associates Join Ulmer's Cleveland Office

Publications & Presentations

PUBLICATIONS

- "Splitting the Claims: Mixed Actions After Fire-Dex" DRI's For The Defense (May 2026)
- "The Northern District of Ohio Provides More Clarity on COVID-19 Related Business Interruption Claims," JD Supra (February 2021)

- “Will the Supreme Court Reverse *Wyeth v. Levine*?” Drug & Device Blog (December 2020)
- “ERISA Preemption,” Executive & Director Compensation Reference Guide, Bloomberg Law (2020)
- “INSIGHT: Coronavirus Raises Novel Business Insurance Issues,” Bloomberg Law (March 2020)
- “Voiding Voidability: Rethinking Rescission of Insurance Policies Under Ohio Law,” Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal (February 2020)
- “DOT Grants Back Development of Autonomous-Vehicle Industry,” WardsAuto (January 2020)
- “Ranbaxy Revisited: Rejecting the Performance-Based Approach to No-Injury Class Actions?” DRI’s For The Defense (August 2019)
- “Ensuring & Insuring the Promise of Autonomous Vehicles,” Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal (February 2019)

PRESENTATIONS

- “Fool Me Once: How Many Employee Thefts Should Be Covered by Fidelity Policies,” Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Insurance Law Seminar (October 2021)
- “Voiding Voidability: Rethinking Rescission of Insurance Policies Under Ohio Law,” Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Insurance Law Seminar (September 2020)
- “Piercing the LLC Veil,” Lorman Webinar (February 2020)
- “Piercing the Corporate Veil Checklist: Avoid Mistakes and Exposure,” Lorman Webinar (March 2019)

In the News

- *Cleveland Jewish News*, "[Local law firms announce promotions](#)" (January 28, 2026)