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Fred's practice focuses on product liability defense. His practice primarily entails civil litigation on behalf of manufacturers or distributors, with particular emphasis in drug and medical device product liability litigation. Fred is experienced in the management of mass tort litigation. He also assists clients in the product liability area outside of the drug and medical device arena. Fred has achieved the highest rating, AV Preeminent®, from Martindale-Hubbell®, and has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® and the Ohio Super Lawyers list.

Education

- University of Pittsburgh (B.A., 1983)
- Duquesne University School of Law (J.D., 1987)

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Kentucky
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky

Professional Affiliations

Practices & Industries

- Product Liability
- Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Litigation
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Life Sciences
- Product Liability Litigation – Manufactured Products & Consumer Goods
- Life Sciences Industry

- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cincinnati Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute

Community Involvement

- St. James of the Valley Catholic Church (*Member, Parish Counsel; Past President; Lector; Eucharistic Minister; President, Athletic Association*)

Awards & Honors

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™ – Martindale-Hubbell®
- Named to Top Lawyers, Product Liability by *Cincinnati Magazine* (2026)
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2010-2026)
- Designated *Best Lawyers*® Product Liability Litigation – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year” in Cincinnati (2020)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list (2013; 2014; 2018-2026)

Experience

- As co-counsel, defended global credit card company in federal court and obtained unanimous defense verdict of no cause of action following summary jury trial.
- Defended pharmaceutical company in over 400 claims in various consolidated litigations across the country.
- Defended past Ohio Secretary of State in class action suit alleging violation of rights to privacy, personal security and due process, resolving case without the entry of a consent order.
- Involved in the defense of leading silicone medical products manufacturer in multimillion dollar litigation in both multiple state and federal litigation, including MDL, involving issues of strict liability, negligence, and failure to warn.
- Involved in the successful defense of pharmaceutical company against thousands of suits alleging that birth defects were caused by the prescription anti-nausea medication, Bendectin.
- Defended major cigarette manufacturer against claims of strict liability, negligence, failure to warn, conspiracy, and fraud in connection with health issues related to cigarettes and tobacco.

News & Media

January 12, 2026

Cincinnati Magazine Names 12 UB Greensfelder Partners to Its 2026 Top Lawyers List

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

January 4, 2022

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes Ulmer Attorneys in 2022 Lists