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Rob has extensive experience in the defense and prosecution of intellectual property claims. He practices in trademark, trade dress and copyright infringement, false designation of origin, unfair competition and deceptive trade practices, and false advertising matters. Rob also has comprehensive experience in software and technology matters, including both prosecution and defense of software development contract disputes. Rob combines a deep background in technology and business litigation including computer, software, internet and e-commerce matters. Rob has achieved the highest ranking, AV Preeminent®, from Martindale-Hubbell® and has been named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list.

With more than 35 years of experience handling complex insurance coverage and bad faith litigation in both federal and state court, Rob has successfully defended insurance carriers in a variety of cases including allegations of failure to settle liability claims and wrongful coverage denial. He also brings a wealth of jury trial experience in this field. He is a former Vice-Chair of the ABA's Property Insurance Law Committee and Past President of the National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators.

Rob also has significant and substantive experience in all phases of the eDiscovery process, including assessing client systems, assisting clients with identification, preservation, collection, processing and review of electronically stored information, selecting the right eDiscovery vendor, negotiating reasonable and efficient eDiscovery protocols with opposing counsel and litigating eDiscovery disputes when they arise.

Education

- Miami University (B.A.)
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (J.D.)

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

Practices & Industries

- Insurance Coverage Litigation
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Software & Information Technology
- Trademark Prosecution, Licensing, & Enforcement

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois

Professional Affiliations

- Federal Bar Association – Northern District of Ohio Chapter (*Board of Directors*)
- American Bar Association (*Section of Intellectual Property, Section on Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice "TTIPS", Former Vice-Chair, Property Insurance Law Committee*)
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Awards & Honors

- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list (2013-2023)
- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated – Martindale-Hubbell
- Certified Professional Insurance Investigator

Experience

- Extensive jury trial experience in both state and federal courts.
- Extensive experience since 1987 in the defense and prosecution of intellectual property claims, including statutory and common law trademark and trade dress infringement, copyright infringement, false designation of origin, unfair competition and deceptive trade practices, and false advertising.
- Comprehensive experience handling and litigating various software and technology disputes, including defense of system integrators in litigation concerning implementation of ERP software solutions.
- Seasoned trial experience in business litigation, with extensive knowledge of computers, software, Internet and e-Commerce law.
- Over 35 year of experience handling, litigating and trying disputed insurance coverage claims, both property and liability, including business interruption, all types of property losses, duty to defend/indemnify claims, and bad faith claims.