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AREAS OF PRACTICE

General Liability
Insurance Services - Coverage &
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Commercial Litigation
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Litigation
Trucking & Transportation
Liability
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Litigation
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ADMISSIONS

Ohio
1999

U.S. District Court
Southern District of Ohio
2004

U.S. Court of Appeals 6th
Circuit
2008

Kentucky
2012

U.S. District Court Eastern
District of Kentucky
2013

U.S. District Court
Western District of
Kentucky
2021

EDUCATION

NKU Salmon P. Chase
College of Law (J.D.,
1999)

Hanover College (B.A.,
1995)

HONORS & AWARDS

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America®, Personal
Injury Litigation -
Defendants
2025

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Cincinnati Bar Association

Kentucky Bar Association

Northern Kentucky Bar Association

Ohio State Bar Association

YEAR JOINED

2017

OVERVIEW

Dave is an experienced civil litigator and trial lawyer, handling a wide range of claims over the course of his career. His practice includes defending insurance company clients in disputes with insureds, other insurers, and claimants. Those cases involve questions about whether coverage is available for a claim, the value of the claim, the priority of multiple coverages, and whether the insurer acted in bad faith in its handling of the claim.

Dave also defends clients in general liability cases, in which a party claims to have suffered bodily injury, property damage, etc., as a result of the negligent acts or omissions of another – including complex bodily injury cases. He has also handled cases in federal court defending a variety of claims asserted against cities, counties, and municipalities. Other areas of his practice include transportation law, environmental litigation, workplace injury claims, property disputes, grade crossing accident cases, interactions with local municipalities, medical malpractice cases - defending doctors and other health care providers, as well as a variety of commercial litigation involving disputes between businesses.

As managing attorney of the Cincinnati office, Dave oversees the day-to-day operations for the entire office, ensuring that client matters are handled promptly, professionally and effectively.

Dave received his *juris doctor* from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1999, after completing his undergraduate work at Hanover College in 1995. He is admitted in both state and federal courts in the state of Ohio and Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Dave is married with two sons. He is active in his community and currently serves on the Executive Board of Oak Hills Youth Athletics.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Ohio Supreme Court Rules Trial Courts Must Apply Specific Standards Before Ordering Disclosure of Privileged Claims Files

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Insurance Services - Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation

April 1, 2026

In an insurance bad faith action, a trial court may order production of an insurer's claims file documents that are asserted to be protected by the attorney-client privilege and work produc

Ohio Supreme Court Enforces Broad Arbitration Clause in Insurance Policy, Extending to Bad Faith Claims

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January 1, 2026

In this medical malpractice lawsuit filed against an emergency services provider, the insurer for the provider assigned counsel and undert

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On the Pulse...Practicing Law in "The Heart of It All"

Cincinnati

June 1, 2024

The state of Ohio refers to itself as “The Heart of It All” because of its central location—highlighting the fact that approximately half the population of the United States is located within 500 miles of the state capital in Columbus, which is ro Defense Digest, Vol. 30, No.

On the Pulse... The Queen City and Beyond

Cincinnati

June 1, 2020

Founded in 1788 after the American Revolution, the City of Cincinnati was originally called Losantiville. Defense Digest, Vol. 26, No.

RESULTS

Successful defense of appeal in the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Insurance Services - Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation

November 4, 2022

We successfully defended an appeal of summary judgment granted in favor of our insurance company client in the Kentucky Court of Appeals. The court agreed our client was entitled to challenge liability for the plaintiff’s claim and defend its insured, despite the requirements of the Kentucky Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act.

Ohio Court of Appeals affirms summary judgment for nail salon.

Premises & Retail Liability

April 22, 2022

We successfully defended an appeal of a trial court grant of summary judgment in favor of a nail salon in a slip-and-fall case. The plaintiff alleged she fell in an untreated wet area inside the salon on a rainy day. However, the plaintiff failed to produce any evidence about the source of the “wet area,” or that the salon had actual or constructive knowledge of the wet area prior to the plaintiff’s fall. The trial court granted summary judgment in favor of the salon and the Ohio Court of Appeals affirmed that decision.

SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Obtained summary judgment for a local city against a plaintiff's claim for violation of civil rights. The plaintiff claimed the City of Fairfield and its police department violated his civil rights by improperly evicting him, forcing him to abandon the home where he had been living, and his personal property that he was forced to leave behind. He also claimed they threatened him with arrest and physical harm. We first obtained a dismissal of the police department on grounds that it was not the proper party. We then moved for summary judgment as to the claims against the city based on the evidence—the body cam footage from the responding officers—and political subdivision immunity. The court granted our motion for summary judgment based upon immunity from performing a police function and the plaintiff's failure to prove the city had adopted any custom or practice that violated his civil rights.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of an insurance company client in a bad-faith case pending in Jefferson Circuit Court in Louisville, Kentucky.