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### EDUCATION

Miami University, B.A., cum laude, Political Science/Economics, 1980

### LAW SCHOOL

University of Notre Dame, J.D., cum laude, 1983 - Law Review

### BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Ohio

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appeals  
Business Litigation  
Intellectual Property  
Intellectual Property Disputes  
Litigation  
Media & Marketing  
Public Records

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CBA Communications Committee - Chair;  
CBA Judicial Evaluations Research Committee - Member;  
Ohio News Media Association Government Relations Committee - Member;  
Beyond Civility Board - Member;  
Public Media Connect - CET/Think TV - Board Member;  
Society of Professional Journalists Board - Member

### AFFILIATIONS

Cincinnati Bar Association - Member - Communications Committee - Chair;  
Ohio State Bar Association - Member;  
Media Law Resources Center - Internet Law Committee Chair;  
Ohio Coalition of Open Government - Member

Jack is a commercial litigator with an emphasis on communications and media law. He is one of the region's leading advocates for governmental transparency, having argued numerous cases in the Supreme Courts of Ohio and Kentucky and in appellate courts in the tri-state area. His clients have included The Cincinnati Enquirer, the Associated Press, ESPN, Vogue Magazine, Courthouse News Service, NBCUniversal, and television stations in 16 markets.

Jack recently obtained summary judgment on behalf of an author of a novel in a "libel in fiction" case. His work on behalf of a national law firm led to a ruling from the Ohio Supreme Court ordering the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections to release records related to the purchase of lethal injection drugs. Jack was privileged to advise The Cincinnati Enquirer team on the "Seven Days of Heroin" report that won a Pulitzer Prize in 2018. Jack is a former president of the Defense Counsel Section of the Media Law Resource Center -- a national organization of media lawyers.

Jack serves on the firm's Appellate Practice Group. Jack successfully argued a case before the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals that prevented a title insurance company from denying coverage to a mortgage lender. Jack also argued a case in Ohio's Eighth Appellate District that protected the rights of mortgage lenders in foreclosure actions. Both cases are leading precedents in the field.

Jack is recognized with an AV Rating, the highest rating given to lawyers by Martindale-Hubbell. Jack has also been selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for his work in Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Banking and Finance, Litigation-First Amendment, and Litigation-Intellectual Property from 2005 to 2018. Jack has also been selected as The Best Lawyers in America "Lawyer of the Year" for his work in Litigation-Banking and Finance in 2012 and 2016; and The Best Lawyers in America "Lawyer of the Year" for his work in Litigation-First Amendment in 2015. In addition, from 2007 to present, Jack has been named an Ohio Super Lawyer for his work in Commercial Litigation and First Amendment Law. He was awarded the Ohio Society of Professional

Journalist Award for Best Defense of the First Amendment for his contribution to "Lead's Dangerous Legacy."

Jack is a talented writer and in addition to having created the firm's e-newsletter, InfoLaw News, and his own blog - Jack Out of the Box. The blog received first place in the 2018, 2019 and 2020 Ohio SPJ Awards for Best Blog in Ohio. He is the author of "Imagine When You're Feeling Better," a children's book written to benefit Josh Cares, a Cincinnati charity. He also enjoys Notre Dame football, Cincinnati Reds baseball and XU basketball. He has donated about eleven gallons of blood through Hoxworth, although not all at once. Guilty pleasures include LaRosa's pizza, Graeter's ice cream and Skyline Chili. (Did we mention Jack is a Native Cincinnati?) His real passion, however, is his family - his wife, Kathy, and four children, Katie, Joe, Ben, Ellie, granddaughters Lucy and Evelyn and grandsons Jack and Joseph - to whom he refers as his "greatest achievement."