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EDUCATION

J.D., Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University, 1983
B.S., Business Administration, Slippery Rock University, 1980

BAR ADMISSIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Ohio, 1983
United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, 1983
United States Court of Appeal, Sixth Circuit, 1986
United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, 1986
District of Columbia, 1986
United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, 1995
North Carolina, 2022
North Carolina Superior Court Certified Mediator, 2023
United States District Court, Western District of North Carolina, 2024
Admitted pro hac vice in courts in California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor - Business Law - January 2025 - present
Adjunct Instructor - Business Law - Aug - Dec 2024
Title IX Hearing Officer - 2026 - present
Executive Director, NCAMP & FARMVA Agricultural Mediation Programs - USDA mediation programs for the States of North Carolina & Virginia - July 2026 - present
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, North Carolina

Owner, King Mountain Law, Waynesville, North Carolina,
April 2022 - 2025

General practice of law.

Owner, Managing Member and General Counsel, Three Birds Tavern, LLC/Cloghan West, LLC, Saint Petersburg, Florida, 2009 - 2021

Acquisition, construction and startup of 200+ seat restaurant. All aspects of executive management of a \$2,300,000.00 sales location, including complete profit/loss responsibility, employee relations, product acquisition, labor cost management, responsible vendor training, governmental interaction with U.S. Department of Labor, Florida Department of Revenue

City of St Petersburg, Pinellas County and other public entities. Litigation management, regulatory compliance, general management of legal risk and functions of both the restaurant and real estate holdings of both LLCs. Sold real estate holdings and restaurant October, 2021. Fundraising activity for multiple charitable organizations in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Owner, King & Associates, Cleveland, Ohio, 1999 - 2009.

Practice primarily medical/legal malpractice, business and employment litigation. Almost exclusively matters referred from other attorneys or judges throughout Ohio and Western Pennsylvania

Held record for largest judgment in single person medical malpractice case in Ohio from 2004 until 2010 with \$23,960,712.00 judgment that was fully collected

Held record for largest dram shop verdict in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania for verdict of \$1,950,000.00 in 2000 verdict

\$3,500,000.00 recovery for victim of a surgical fire in Youngstown, Ohio

Represented Probate Court of Cuyahoga County, Ohio in multiple legal malpractice claims arising from theft from fiduciary/estate accounts by attorneys

Advised and represented NFLPA agent regarding multiple NFL player contracts and endorsement deals

Represented family in matter arising from hospital maternity ward baby “swap” with infant exposure to HIV virus. Client later interviewed by “The Dr. Phil” television show

Partner, Hofelich & King, Cleveland, Ohio 1991 - 1999

Operating partner for business and personal injury litigation firm in Cleveland, Ohio

First lawyer in the world to successfully pursue a personal injury or wrongful death action against Bell Helicopter and The Boeing Company joint venture (Bell-Boeing) for injury/death arising from a crash of the V-22 Osprey military developmental aircraft

Successful defense of a ten-week jury trial in an intellectual property theft/misappropriation case

Seven figure recovery for clients arising from the crash of Egypt Air Flight 990 in the Atlantic Ocean

Seven figure recovery for clients arising from the crash of USAir Flight 427 outside of Pittsburgh, PA

Multiple six figure recovery in death case involving cardiac catheterization laboratories misrepresenting capabilities of the services provided

Confidential settlement of gender discrimination case against the Vice President of Human Resources of a Cleveland based Fortune 200 Company

Confidential settlement of sexual harassment case against the President of a Cleveland based liability insurer

Partner, Shimko, King & Stich, 1989 - 1991

Operating partner for four-person litigation firm

Handled California litigation of multiple plaintiff claims against the WD-40 company arising from breach of distributorship agreements, resulting in \$10,500,000 verdict

Handled Ohio litigation arising from a bear attack on a 5-year-old boy at a shopping mall event
Handled lender liability litigation against Wells Fargo & Company
Handled insurance errors and omissions litigation arising from underinsured fire loss at a lumber company

Corporate Litigation Attorney, The Sherwin-Williams Company, 1986 - 1989

Handled northeast Ohio litigation in house. Retained, supervised and selectively co-counseled outside counsel nationwide in company litigation. Participated as second chair to outside counsel in Texas, California and Florida trials
Successfully settled multiple seven-figure cases arising from product failure in Miami, Florida condominium complexes
Successfully defended and settled “continuous sale” litigation initiated by the State of California in Sacramento, California
Participated in environmental audit of manufacturing plant in Sao Paulo, Brazil
Participated and supervised negotiations regarding company involvement in numerous “Superfund” environmental sites
Successfully prosecuted Sherwin-Williams’ first ever in-house recovery of damages from an outside supplier, arising from a software failure of a Boston, Massachusetts company
Defense of multiple employment discrimination cases across the United States

Associate, Spurlock, Sears, Pry & Griebeling, 1983 - 1986

New graduate associate at general practice law firm with focus on insurance defense litigation and real estate practice
Second chair and first chair trial responsibility in insurance defense litigation
Real estate and banking work including extensive title search work
Domestic relations litigation
Actual jury trial of an adverse possession case