



*Biographical Sketch*  
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**Admitted to Practice of Law**

State of Ohio, 2002  
Supreme Court of Ohio, 2002  
United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, 2008 to present  
United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, 2015 to present

**Employment History**

Amer Cunningham Co., L.P.A. Associate	2007 to present
Edminister & Associates Co., L.P.A. Associate	2002 - 2007
Law Clerk	2001 - 2002
Aultman Hospital Nurse, Cardiac Cath Lab	1984 – 2002
Aultman Hospital Nurse/Assistant Head Nurse, Medical Intensive Care Unit	1978 – 1984

## **Higher Education**

The University of Akron School of Law  
Juris Doctor, 2002

Kent State University  
Bachelor of Science, cum laude, (Major: Nursing), 1984

Aultman Hospital School of Nursing  
Diploma, with Honors, Nursing

## **Appointments and Awards**

Nurse Excellence Award in Heart Lab	1992
Health Care Provider Certification	1978 to present
Basic Life Support (HCP) Instructor	1985 – 2002
Advanced Cardiac Life Support	1979 – 1981
Critical Care Certification	1983 – 1985
CALI Award, Products Liability	2002
Harvard Nurse's Health Study II	1997 to present
Deans Club, The University of Akron School of Law	2002 to present
Sigma Theta Tau, National Nursing Honor Society	1982 to present
Barrister, Bell & Scanlon Inn of Courts	2008, 2009, 2011 to present

## **Memberships**

American Bar Association	2003 to present
Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section	2003 to present
Litigation Section	2010 to present
Ohio State Bar Association	2007 to present
Akron Bar Association	2003 to present
American Association for Justice	2007 to present
• PAC Member	
• Medical Malpractice List Serve	
• Expert Witness List Serve	
• Birth Trauma List Serve	
• Medical Negligence List Serve	
Ohio Association for Justice	2003 to present
Stark County Association for Justice	2009 to present
• Board Member	2013 to present
Summit County Association for Justice	2014 to present
• Treasurer	2015 – 2016

## Teaching and Speaking

OAJ Winter Convention: Professional	11/15/12	Cleveland, OH
Overcoming Nursing Home Cases: Falls	09/18/14	Dublin, OH
CATA-Audit Trails: What Questions You Need to Ask & What You Need to Know	02/11/15	Cleveland, OH
SCAJ-Responding to Recent Attacks on Plaintiffs' Use of Words and Argument at Trial	03/11/15	Akron, OH

## Recent Continuing Legal Education & Training

Depositions Litigation Manual	01/01/05	
Find it Free & Fast on the Net	04/19/05	
The Legal Writer: 40 Rules For the Art of Legal Writing	04/28/05	Akron, OH
ABC's of a Jury Trial	04/29/05	
Annual White Williams BK Seminar	06/10/05	
Title Work: Getting it Done	08/24/05	
Evidence Trial Practice	12/21/06	
Ethics, Professionalism & Substance Abuse	10/17/07	
Fundamentals of Brain Trauma	10/24/07	
Successful Medical Malpractice Suits	09/19/07	Cleveland, OH
Ethics, Professionalism & Substance Abuse Update	09/28/07	Akron, OH
Expectations of the Court	10/17/07	Akron, OH
Fundamentals of Practice in the Northern Ohio District	02/29/08	Akron, OH
Daubert Motions: Challenging Expert Opinions	03/13/08	Akron, OH
Childbirth Injury & The Law XI	04/24-26/08	Lake Buena Vista, FL
Changes, Challenges & Considerations: Electronic Discovery Update	06/28/08	Akron, OH
Medical Malpractice Seminar	09/19/08	Columbus, OH
Same Gender Marriage: Moral & Legal Issues	10/15/08	Akron, OH
Advanced Expert Witness Deposition Tactics	10/29/08	Akron, OH
Developments in Probate & Elder Law & Ohio Trust Code: Amendment, Planning issues & Case Law	10/30/08	Akron, OH
Poverty Law 101: Clinic Training	11/14/08	Akron, OH
Advanced Expert Witness Deposition Tactics	10/29/09	Akron, OH
Trial Evidence for the Ohio Practitioner	12/05/08	Cleveland, OH
Anatomy of a Trial Series: Opening	01/06/09	
How to Avoid Legal Malpractice	01/21/09	Akron, OH
Voir Dire: How to Plan It, How to Do It!	02/18/09	Akron, OH
Legal Themed Books/Movies	04/15/09	Akron, OH
Fall Ethics, Professionalism & Substance Abuse	10/01/09	Akron, OH
Trial Technology Workshop	10/30/09	Cleveland, OH
Lessons to be Learned from the Duke Lacross Team Case	11/18/09	Akron, OH
Comedic CLE: Laughter is the Best Medicine	11/20/09	Akron, OH
Legalization of Drugs the Effects of Drugs: The Effects of Drugs on Society, the Court.	01/20/10	Akron, OH
Future Challenges to the Court System	04/14/10	Akron, OH
Legal Themed Books/Movies	04/21/10	Akron, OH
Proof is in the Pudding	09/10/10	Strongsville, OH
Medical Malpractice	09/10/10	Strongsville, OH

Trial Practice Seminar	11/05/10	Canton, OH
The Ohio Nurse Practice Act	03/21/11	
Asthma: Diagnosis and Management	03/21/11	
Men's Health Issues	03/21/11	
Nursing Law - Just Culture - A Model to Improve Patient Safety	03/22/11	
AAJ – 2011 Annual Convention	07/09-13/11	New York, NY
Charles Scanlon and Judge Sam Bell	9/21/11	Akron, OH
Annual Ethics, Professionalism, & Substance Abuse	9/23/11	Akron, OH
Juror Psychology and What Jurors are Thinking	10/19/11	Akron, OH
Applying the Rule of Evidence: What every Attorney Needs to Know	11/16/11	Akron, OH
The Best Practices for Opening	01/18/12	Akron, OH
Medscape: Chest Pain and Dyspnea for 4 days	02/03/12	
The Best Practices for Direct and Cross	02/15/12	Akron, OH
The Best Practices for Closing Argument	03/21/12	Akron, OH
Anatomy of a Medical Malpractice Case	04/11/12	Akron, OH
Judges Behaving Badly	04/18/12	Akron, OH
Dominating Depositions	04/25/12	
How to Extract Maximum Useful Information from a Deposition	04/26/12	
Judge Sam H. Bell Trial Advocacy Program	05/10/12	Akron, OH
AAJ – 2012 Annual Convention	07/28/12	Chicago, OH
Great Person Can be a Great Lawyer	09/19/12	Akron, OH
Ins & Outs of Arbitration	01/16/13	Akron, OH
Do We Need Tort Reform	02/20/13	Akron, OH
How to Reduce Stress & Achieve Balance in One's Life	03/20/13	Akron, OH
2013 OAJ Annual Convention General	05/01/13	Columbus, OH
Civil Litigation: Discovery & Courtroom procedure: the impact of one Dedicated Counselor, Mentor & Lawyer	05/16/13	Akron, OH
2013 Ohio Nursing Law Program	05/25/13	
Ohio Nursing Law Affecting Daily Practice, Updated 1 <sup>st</sup> Ed.	08/19/13	
Assessment and Management of Wounds	08/19/13	
The Impact of One Dedicated Couple	09/18/13	Akron, OH
Summit County: Electronic Filing	09/18/13	Akron, OH
View from the Bench: Transition from Common Pleas to Appellate	09/19/13	Akron, OH
Voir Dire: The Art and Science of Selecting a Jury	10/09/13	Akron, OH
The Evolution of Rules of the Road to Rhetorical Questions	10/15/13	
The Reliability of Eyewitness Identification	10/16/13	Akron, OH
Pro Bono...Simplified	10/24/13	Akron, OH
Recognizing and Addressing Pregnancy Complications	11/13/14	
The Conflict between Security and Liberty	11/20/13	Akron, OH
Professionalism & Substance Abuse	11/21/13	Canton, OH
Ethics, Professionalism & Substance Abuse	12/20/13	Akron, OH
Dogs	02/19/14	
Minor Settlements	02/27/14	Akron, OH
How to Settle a Case	03/19/14	Akron, OH
How Should You React When a Grievance is Filed Against You	04/16/14	
2014 OAJ Annual Convention General	05/08/14	Columbus, OH
Spring 2014: Legislative Update	05/14/14	
ABCs of Voir Dire	05/29/14	
2014 SCCCPC Judicial Panel	06/11/14	
Common Pleas Court Judges' Panel	07/08/14	Akron, OH
Civil Trial Advocacy Pointers	07/16/14	

Common Pleas Court Judges' Panel	08/05/14	Akron, OH
Professionalism: The Value of Pro Bono Work	09/17/14	
How Do You Get Clients	10/15/14	
2014 OAJ Winter Convention	11/06-07/14	Cleveland, OH
Verdict Reporter	11/12/14	Canton, OH
How Do You Get Paid?	11/19/14	
Best Practices & Tips for a Successful Mediation	11/20/14	
Healthcare Subrogation	12/10/14	Canton, OH
Financial Abuse of the Elderly	01/14/15	Akron, OH
Professionalism: Part 2	01/21/15	
Keeping Your Client Happy	02/18/15	
When your Relationship with a Client Ends	02/18/15	Akron, OH
2015 OAJ Annual Convention	05/06-08/15	Columbus, OH