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Education

- J.D., University of Michigan Law School
- A.B. *with Honors*, University of Chicago, Law Letters and Society

Affiliations

- Admitted to the State of Ohio (inactive), the State of Illinois, the Northern District of Illinois, the Northern District of Ohio, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.
- Admitted to Practice in Illinois and Ohio
- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

When I entered law school, I had three goals: (1) help clients solve their legal problems by navigating what is often a perplexing legal system; (2) promote equity in society by advocating for client's rights; and (3) make a decent wage so that my children don't have to support me in the future.

After law school, I joined one of the largest law firms in the country and had the typical "Big Firm" associate experience, mixed with moments of intense joy when I actually had the opportunity to craft legal arguments, and to provide my judgment directly to clients. After receiving some sage advice, I decided to begin focusing on cases where I could actively interact with clients, and, more importantly, provide sound business judgment about clients' legal issues. To that end, I spent more time working on cases and internal investigations that allowed me to hone both my substantive legal skills and my ability to advise clients about their legal and business issues (which are often intertwined). The gratification I received from providing concrete solutions reminded me why I wanted to be a lawyer in the first place; I thrive on using my legal skills to solve clients' business problems.

My practice concentrates on complex commercial litigation, securities litigation, products liability litigation, and internal corporate investigations. Over the course of my career I have:

- Assisted in the defense of financial advisors in litigation, resulting in the successful settlement of claims for breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract and material misrepresentation;
- Participated in several internal investigations regarding accounting and financial reporting issues, and federal and state laws governing gratuities paid to public officials;



Among the clients I've represented:

International Paper Company
The Royal Bank of Scotland
The Sherwin-Williams Company
RF Surgical Systems, Inc.
Nationwide
Goodrich Corporation
Catholic Healthcare Partners

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Speaking Engagements

Presented CLE, “Lobbyist Disclosure Requirements: An Overview of Ohio and Federal Law”

- Defended a privately-held company in response to third party-subpoenas to protect the company’s proprietary financial information from unwarranted dissemination;
- Assisted in the defense of a large lead pigment manufacturer in nuisance claims brought by the State of Ohio and several Ohio municipalities;
- Represented a large financial institution against trademark infringement claims related to the integration of hardware and software into unique banking product licensed to the financial institution;
- Assisted a manufacturing company in the development of proactive risk management policies related to workers compensation laws for its facilities, which were located in several states;
- Represented a major cosmetics manufacturer against product liability claims related to hair dyes;
- Conducted a disciplinary prosecution of a disbarred attorney that resulted in an order of contempt and full restitution, and the issuance of an arrest warrant against the disbarred attorney, which was one of the first instances that the Ohio Supreme Court issued an arrest warrant in a disciplinary proceeding.

During my “Big Firm” practice, I worked with some great people and learned a lot by picking the brains of some of the country’s best and brightest legal minds. However, I knew there had to be a way to merge the experience of working with great people with the chance to consistently do substantive legal work. I eventually found my way to Valorem, and found an environment focused on providing the best and most efficient solutions to clients’ business and legal needs. In addition to providing an ideal platform to continue my personal growth as a litigator, I get to work with and learn from a great and fun group of people. Valorem prides itself on collaborating to serve our clients, and through this collaboration, all of us share our experiences, skills and unique insights to provide innovative, but practical, client solutions.