

# Brian Downey

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## Qualifications

Possesses over 30 years of experience in a broad range of legal matters, including business and commercial litigation and appeals, labor and employment, insurance defense and coverage issues, professional negligence and discipline, contracts, government investigations, and white-collar and general criminal defense in federal, state, and local courts and administrative agencies.

Experienced in ERISA related employee benefit issues relating to compliance and Taft-Hartley Fund administration, compliance, audits, governmental investigations, contracting and collection. Assists in drafting policies, procedures and formal documentation and clear notifications and explanations of issues for Trustees, participants, and beneficiaries.

Experienced in the review and interpretation of insurance plans and policies, and in the submission, negotiation and litigation of insurance claims, appeals and coverage disputes.

Additional administrative/regulatory experience includes representation of clients before the NLRB, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, binding AAA labor arbitrations and numerous State of Ohio licensing boards. Also, assists and advises public and private entities and individuals regarding coordination of responses to subpoenas from administrative agencies, and state and federal courts.

## Education

- Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University, J.D., magna cum laude
- University of Dayton, B.S.B.A.-Accounting, cum laude

## Bar Admissions

- State of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

## Professional & Civic Associations

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (Past Member Certified Grievance Trial Committee-Appx. 1994-2007)
- Eighth District Judicial Conference (Life Member)
- William K. Thomas Inn of Court
- Ohio Super Lawyers® (2013-Present)
- Rated AV-Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™.

## Selected Speaking Engagements

- "Litigation Institute," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Moderator (2009)
- "The Business Litigation Seminar," Cleveland Bar Association, Panel Member (2006)
- "Third Annual Trial Advocacy Institute," National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Faculty Member (2005).