

DEIRDRE G. HENRY



After receiving her B.S. from Bowling Green State University, her J.D. from the University of Toledo Law School and her Ohio Bar admission in 1977, **DEIRDRE G. HENRY** became an Ohio Assistant Attorney General (defending the Industrial Commission and the Bureau of Worker's Compensation in disability claims involving complex medical issues). She now focuses on employment, medical malpractice, long term care, VSSR and workers' compensation cases, legal

malpractice, and the defense of directors' and officers' claims. Deirdre has admission in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. She is a member of the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys Medical Malpractice Section, the Ohio State and Cleveland Metropolitan Bar associations, and the Defense Research Institute. In 2009, Deirdre spoke before the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Surgeons on the topic of *Deposition Preparedness/Mock Deposition*. Her presentation focused on how to prepare for a deposition, how to endure a deposition, and how to answer questions most effectively. In 2007, Deirdre was named an *Ohio Super Lawyer* in the category of Civil Defense Litigation by Thomson Reuters and she is an AV-rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell.

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Workers' Compensation Experience

- Has been in practice since 1977. Appointed by one Attorney General and continued to serve under another Attorney General providing trial and appellate representation to the Industrial Commission of Ohio and the Bureau of Workers' Compensation.
- Representation of state fund and self-insured employers at administrative hearings on issues of claims allowance, extent of disability and permanent total disability applications.

- Trial representation of employers in workers' compensation appeals to the Court of Common Pleas.
- Counseling employers and advocating on their behalf before the BWC on issues relating to premium matters and self insured status.
- Representation of employers relating to VSSR applications.
- Representation of employers in intentional tort cases.

Employment Experience

- Representation of state fund and self-insured employers at administrative hearings on issues of claims allowance, extent of disability and permanent total disability applications.
- Trial representation of employers in workers' compensation appeals to the Court of Common Pleas.
- Counseling employers and advocating on their behalf before the BWC on issues relating to premium matters and self insured status.
- Representation of employers relating to VSSR applications.
- Representation of employers in intentional tort cases.
- Counseling and representation of employers in employment discrimination cases, including ADA, FMLA and Title VII.
- Experience in handling unemployment hearings for employers.

Employment Litigation

- *James D. Engle v. Plastipak Packaging, Inc.*, United States District Court (S.D. Ohio, E.D.), Case No.: 2:09-CV-595. Wrongful termination, disability discrimination. Resolved.
- *Brian A. Meyer v. Plastipak Packaging, Inc.*, United States District Court (S.D. Ohio, W.D.), Case No.: 3:08-CV-126. Wrongful termination, FMLA, disability discrimination. Settled.
- *Edwin Neumann v. Plastipak Packaging, Inc.*, United States District Court (N.D. Ohio, E.D.), Case No.: 1:11-CV-00522. FMLA, disability discrimination. Resolved.
- *Adele Pignatiello v. Plastipak Packaging, Inc.*, United States District Court (N.D. Ohio, E.D.), Case No.: 1:10-CV-01653. Intentional tort related to work injury. Defendant granted summary judgment.
- *Milecha Whitacre v. Plastipak Packaging, Inc.*, United States District Court (S.D. Ohio, W.D.), Case No.: 3:04-CV-0233. Wrongful discharge, intentional tort related to work injury, violation of Ohio public policy. Defendant granted summary judgment.