

JOHN G. FARNAN



JOHN G. FARNAN is a Partner with the Ohio-based law firm of Weston Hurd LLP. He practices primarily in the areas of insurance coverage, defense of directors' and officers' liability claims, personal injury, premises liability, professional liability, commercial litigation and appellate matters. He received his B.A. *cum laude* from Georgetown University and his J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School. He is a co-founder and former

President of the National Lawyers Association. He was voted Member of the Year by the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA) in 2002 and is the past Chairman of the OACTA Insurance Coverage Committee and a former member of OACTA's Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC) and a fellow of the American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel (ACCEC).

John has lectured on insurance coverage for construction claims, Y2K claims, advertising injury coverage, uninsured/underinsured motorists coverage, tort reform, insurance coverage for claims against architects and engineers, "splitting files" and legal ethics. John has lectured on insurance coverage issues throughout Ohio and in Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey, Chicago, Denver, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. He gave recent presentations before the FDCC at its Summer Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia, for OACTA at its 2012 Insurance Coverage Seminar, and before the Columbus Claims Association in 2015 on the topic of "Splitting Files: Implications on Handling Liability and Coverage Claims: When Claims and Coverage Collide." Other recent presentations have included "Insurance Coverage for Claims Arising from the Use of the Internet and Other Electronic Media" (OACTA Insurance Coverage Seminar, June 2013); "Trying the Mixed Damages Coverage Case" (OACTA 2014 Annual Meeting, November 2014); and "Beyond Our Borders: Emerging Trends and Arguments in Bad Faith Cases Outside of Ohio" (Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Insurance Coverage Section, June 2015 and June 2016).

John has also published many articles on insurance issues and previously served as editor of the OACTA quarterly insurance coverage newsletter and is the current editor of Weston Hurd's *Insurance Newsletter* and the *Desktop Legal Primer for Ohio Claims*. Since 2007, John has been named an *Ohio Super Lawyer* in Insurance Coverage by Law & Politics Media, Inc. Previously, he was named an *Ohio Super Lawyer* in the category of Appellate Practice. Since 2011, John has been listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* for Personal Injury Litigation.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- *Cincinnati Ins. Co. v. Donzelli*, 2006-Ohio-765 (Ninth Appellate District). (Prevailed in a quadriplegic coverage case, on coverage defenses, where damages were stipulated to be \$3.75 million on top of \$4.75 million already paid to the quadriplegic);
- *Maltz v. Royal Insurance Company of America*, 2003-Ohio-3438 (Sixth Appellate District) (Prevailed on coverage issues in a case involving a severe brain injury to a six year old boy);
- *Schaffer Wong v. Knauf USA Polystyrene*, 2004-Ohio-1715 (Twelfth Appellate District) (Prevailed in a coverage case involving a severe brain injury);
- *Bogan v. Johnson*, 2004-Ohio-422 (Twelfth Appellate District) (Prevailed in a coverage action involving a severe brain injury);
- *Mlecik v. Farmers Insurance of Columbus, Inc.*, 2002-Ohio-6222 (Prevailed in a coverage case involving a wrongful death);
- *Blankenship v. CRT Tree*, 2002-Ohio-5354 (Prevailed in the defense of a severe brain injury case, occurred while bungee jumping from a tree company's crane, arguing assumption of the risk);
- *International EPDM Rubber Roofing Systems, Inc. v. GRE Insurance Group*, 2001 WL 477251 (Prevailed in coverage case involving claims for negligent construction);
- *Trojan v. Ro-Mai Industries, Inc.*, 1998 WL 488715 (Ninth Appellate District) (Prevailed for employer, who had removed a guard from a press, on the employee's intentional tort claim);
- *Woodbridge Insurance Company v. Vice*, 1997 WL 746386 (Third Appellate District) (Prevailed in a coverage case, for a medical malpractice insurer, in which the insured allegedly molested a semi-sedated patient);
- *Western Reserve Mutual Insurance Company v. Campbell* (1996), 111 Ohio App.3d 537 (Ninth Appellate District) (Prevailed in a wrongful death coverage action where victim was shot at point blank range);
- *Chubb Group of Insurance Companies v. Guyuron*, 1995 WL 739618 (Eighth Appellate District) (Prevailed on a coverage claim involving alleged defective construction); and
- *Hunt v. Marksman Products* (1995), 101 Ohio App.3d 760 (Prevailed for a gun manufacturer on a wrongful death product liability claim).

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