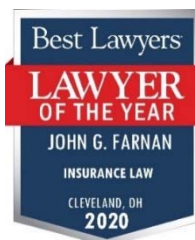


## JOHN G. FARNAN



**JOHN G. FARNAN** is a Partner with 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. John 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 and is a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC). In 2002, John was voted Member of the Year by the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA). He is the past Chairman of the OACTA Insurance Coverage Committee, a former member of OACTA's Board of Directors, and from 2016-2018, John was 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. John's presentations have included "Splitting Files: Implications on Handling Liability and Coverage Claims: When Claims and Coverage Collide" (FDCC Summer Conference, 2011; OACTA Insurance Coverage Seminar, 2012; Columbus Claims Association, 2015); "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 Annual Meeting, November 2014); "Beyond Our Borders: Emerging Trends and Arguments in Bad Faith Cases Outside of Ohio" (Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Insurance Coverage Section, June 2015-2017); "#MeToo: Coverage for Workplace Claims" (Akron Bar Association, January 2019; OACTA Insurance Coverage Seminar, April 2019); "Business Interruption Coverage and the Coronavirus" (OACTA webinar, April 2020); "Insurance Coverage for Claims Arising in the 'Gig' Economy" (OACTA 2020 Virtual Insurance Coverage Seminar, August 2020; Akron Bar Association, Insurance Coverage Law Seminar, September 2020); "First Party Property Damage Coverage for 'Business Interruption' Claims - Debate" (Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Insurance Law Seminar, September 2020); "2020 Case Law and Legislative Developments, Impacting Insurance, from the Covid-19

Virus” (OACTA Annual Meeting, November 2020); “The ‘Gig’ Economy: Commercial and Personal Lines Claims” (OSBA CLE Webcast, February 2021); “Insurance Coverage for Discrimination Claims” (OACTA Insurance Coverage Virtual Seminar, April 2021); “Update on the Dispute Over Coverage for Business Interruption Claims Caused by Covid-19” (Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Insurance Seminar, May 2021); and “Cross Examination at Deposition: Techniques for Young Lawyers” (FDCC Deposition Bootcamp, May 2021).

John has published numerous articles on insurance issues and previously served as editor of the OACTA quarterly insurance coverage newsletter. His recent article “Analyzing CGL Coverage for Construction Related Claims” appears in the OACTA Quarterly Review (Summer 2020). John is the current editor of Weston Hurd’s Insurance Newsletter and the Desktop Legal Primer for Ohio Claims. John is an AV Preeminent®-rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell and is certified as a Specialist in Insurance Coverage Law by the Ohio State Bar Association. Since 2007, John has been named an *Ohio Super Lawyer* in Insurance Coverage by Thomson Reuters. 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 Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law and Personal Injury Litigation. More recently, John has been named *Best Lawyers*® 2020 “Lawyer of the Year” in Cleveland for Insurance Law.

Away from the office, John enjoys spending time with his wife and six children and coaching CYO girls’ basketball. In his 25+ year basketball coaching career, John has been the head coach in seven 7th/8th grade girls’ basketball CYO city championship games, winning five, including three consecutive championships (2018, 2019 and 2020). He just started a new streak when his 8th grade girls team won the City Championship in 2022.

#### **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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