

## RONALD A. RISPO



**RONALD A. RISPO** concentrates his practice on insurance law, general negligence, medical malpractice, product liability, zoning and subdivision regulation, real estate law, and the defense of directors' and officers' liability claims. He graduated with a B.A. from Holy Cross College, a J.D. from the University of Michigan, was admitted to practice in Ohio in 1967 and served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General from 1967-1971. Ron has admission before

the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Since 2005, he has been selected as one of the *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> for Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Legal Malpractice Law, and Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants. Since 2007, Ron has been named an *Ohio Super Lawyer* in the category of Insurance Coverage by Thomson Reuters. In addition, Ron is an AV-rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell. He has also been the recipient of Westfield Insurance Company's "Golden Gavel Award" for his successful trial and defense work for Westfield and has received Distinguished Service Awards from the Cleveland Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (1986 and 1996) and the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (1996). He is a member of the Claims & Litigation Management Alliance, has served as the Regional Vice President and a member of the Board of the Defense Research Institute, is a Past President of the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, and was instrumental in the drafting and passage of Ohio's Tort Reform Legislation in 1987 and 1996. Ron is also a member of the Insurance and Litigation Sections of the American Bar Association, the American Board of Trial Attorneys, the Cleveland Defense Attorneys group, the International Association of Defense Counsel, and the Ohio Supreme Court Committee on A.D.R. Ron's trial experience includes approximately 50 civil jury trials in all areas. His bad faith cases have included: *Thompson Aluminum v. American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company*; *Dairymart v. Travelers Insurance Company*; and *Mastellone v. Lightning Rod Mutual Insurance Company*. Ron has also provided testimony as an expert in one legal malpractice matter and one bad faith matter. He served as the editor of the OACTA Newsletter and has written on the topic of "Avoiding Bad Faith in First Party Cases" for

the OACTA Journal. His presentations have covered topics including: "Bad Faith in First Party Cases;" "Hot Topics in Insurance Law;" "Ethical Issues in Interviewing Former Employees of a Party;" "Ethical Issues in Tape Recording Interviews;" and numerous presentations on Tort Reform and coverage issues arising in construction defect cases and indemnification issues in construction defect cases.

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