

## W. CHARLES CURLEY



**W. CHARLES CURLEY**, a Partner in the Columbus office of Weston Hurd LLP, focuses his practice on professional liability, insurance disputes, employment, church law, governmental liability, commercial and business litigation, and appeals. He received his B.A. *cum laude* in 1975 and his J.D. *with honors* in 1978 from The Ohio State University. Chuck gained his Ohio bar admission in 1978 and has admission to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the U.S. District

Court for the Southern and Northern Districts of Ohio. Chuck is a member of the Ohio State and Columbus Bar associations, the Defense Research Institute and the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys. He is an AV-rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell, is listed in The Best Lawyers in America© 2016 for Litigation-Insurance and Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants, and since 2007 has been named an *Ohio Super Lawyer* in Civil Defense Litigation by Law & Politics. In 2001, Chuck was selected as one of ten Lawyers of the Year by *Ohio Lawyers Weekly*. Chuck is also a speaker on various topics including “When Churches Go to Court” before the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church – 20th Annual Legal Forum: Local Church Legal Issues in October 2016 and at the 2015 Winter Municipal Civil Law Seminar of the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association on the topic of “Exceptions to Political Subdivision Immunity-How it Works in the Real World.” His community involvement includes serving as a Director of United Cerebral Palsy of Central Ohio. Chuck is also a former trustee of numerous organizations, including the Far Northwest Coalition, Worthington Libraries, Worthington United Methodist Church, and Creative Play Center.

### **Representative Matters:**

#### Ohio Supreme Court

- *Davidson v. Motorists Mutual Ins. Co.*, 91 Ohio St.3d 262, 2001-Ohio-36, 744 N.E.2d 713 (insurance coverage)

- *Ferrando v. Auto-Owners Mut. Ins. Co.*, 98 Ohio St. 3d 186, 2002-Ohio-7217, 781 N.E.2d 927 (authored amicus brief in insurance coverage case on behalf of statewide group of civil trial attorneys)
- *Jarrett v. Dayton Osteopathic Hospital* (1985) 20 Ohio St. 3d 77, 486 N.E.2d 99 (what constitutes a final appealable order)

### Ohio Court of Appeals

- *Matter v. Athens*, 2014-Ohio-4451 (political subdivision immunity)
- *Simpkins v. Grace Brethren Church of Delaware*, 2014-Ohio-3465 (church liability)
- *Brock v. Food, Folks & Fun, Inc.*, 2014-Ohio-2668 (premises liability)
- *Doe v. Vineyard Columbus*, 2014-Ohio-2617 (arbitration)
- *Davis v. Clark County Bd. of Commrs.*, 2013-Ohio-2758 (false arrest)
- *Watson v. Highland Ridge Water & Sewer Assn., Inc.*, 2013-Ohio-1640 (defamation)
- *Eichenberger v. Graham*, 2013-Ohio-1203 (antitrust)
- *Mashburn v. Dutcher*, 2012-Ohio-6283 (political subdivision immunity)
- *McNamara v. Marion Popcorn Festival*, 2012-Ohio-5578 (political subdivision immunity)
- *Haller v. Meijer*, 2012-Ohio-670 (premises liability)
- *Doody v. Evans*, 188 Ohio App. 3d 479, 2010-Ohio-3523 (recreational injury)
- *Gordon v. OM Financial Life Ins. Co.*, 2009-Ohio-814 (arbitration)
- *Koss v. Kroger Co.*, 2008-Ohio-2896 (wrongful arrest)
- *Boroff v. Meijer Stores Limited Partnership*, 2007-Ohio-1495 (open and obvious hazard)
- *Acuff v. Motorists Mut. Ins. Co.*, 2007-Ohio-938 (Med Pay benefits)
- *Hupp v. Meijer Stores Limited Partnership*, 2006-Ohio-2051 (premises liability)
- *Mitchell v. Motorists Mut. Ins. Co.*, 2005-Ohio-3988 (interpretation of insurance policy)

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