

## W. CHARLES CURLEY



**W. CHARLES CURLEY**, a Partner with Weston Hurd LLP, focuses his practice on professional liability, insurance disputes, employment, church law, governmental liability, commercial and business litigation, and appeals. Chuck received his B.A. *cum laude* and his J.D. *with honors* from The Ohio State University. He 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, and the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys. He is an AV-rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell, has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2016 for Litigation-Insurance and Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants, and since 2007 has been named an *Ohio Super Lawyer* in Civil Defense Litigation by Thomson Reuters. More recently, Chuck has been named *Best Lawyers*® 2020 “Lawyer of the Year” in Columbus for Litigation-Insurance. In 2001, Chuck was selected as one of ten Lawyers of the Year by *Ohio Lawyers Weekly*. Chuck is also a speaker on topics including “When Churches Go to Court” before the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church – 20th Annual Legal Forum (October 2016) and the Municipal Civil Law Seminar of the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association (Winter 2015) 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:

- ) Represented a church in a high-profile jury trial and appeal involving the sexual assault of a minor female by a church youth pastor. This case involved many factual issues, cutting edge legal issues, and a large number of witnesses. The case was decided by the Ohio Supreme Court in 2016 with a decision holding that Ohio's damage cap statute was not unconstitutional in terms of how it was applied to the Plaintiff.

- ) Representing a retailer sued by a customer for significant personal injuries
- ) Representing an Ohio municipality in First Amendment litigation.
- ) Representing a city and a public official in an environmental liability case.
- ) Representing an attorney sued for legal malpractice.
- ) Representing a residential contractor sued for damage stemming from the presence of mold in a house.

**Published Cases:**

- ) *Acheff v. Meijer, Inc.*, 2019-Ohio-2314 (premise liability and false imprisonment)
- ) *Simpkins v. Grace Brethren Church of Delaware, Ohio*, 149 Ohio St.3d 307, 2016-Ohio-8118 (upholding Ohio's damage cap statute against a constitutional challenge)
- ) *Lemaster v. Grove City Christian School*, 2017-Ohio-8459 (recreational injury)
- ) *Laries, Inc. v. City of Athens*, 2015-Ohio-2750 (political subdivision immunity)
- ) *Turner v. Cathedral Ministries*, 2015-Ohio-633 (premises liability)
- ) *Brock v. Food, Folks & Fun, Inc.*, 2014-Ohio-2668 (premises liability-ADA-handicap ramp)
- ) *Doe v. Vineyard Columbus*, 2014-Ohio-2617 (validity of arbitration agreement)
- ) *Watson v. Highland Ridge Water & Sewer Assn., Inc.*, 2013-Ohio-1640 (conversion and defamation)
- ) *Eichenberger v. Graham*, 2013-Ohio-1203 (employment discrimination and antitrust)
- ) *McNamara v. Marion Popcorn Festival*, 2012-Ohio-5578 (political subdivision immunity)
- ) *Doody v. Evans*, 188 Ohio App. 3d 479, 2010-Ohio-3523 (recreational injury)
- ) *Gordon v. OM Financial Life Ins. Co.*, 2009-Ohio-814 (arbitration agreement)
- ) *Koss v. Kroger Co.*, 2008-Ohio-2896 (wrongful arrest)

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