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PROFILE

Highly accomplished Fortune 100 Company attorney, former educator, and group leader with 25+ years of successful legal experience. Currently the Associate Vice President Commercial & Personal Lines Casualty Claims Legal responsible for claims legal operational support for Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company family of companies. Possess a strong litigation background significantly enhanced with experience as Chief Compliance Officer for State Auto Insurance Company.

Core Competencies include:

- Insurance Claims & Coverage
- Government Relations
- Regulatory Compliance
- Budgetary Control
- Complex Legal Research & Analysis
- Litigation and Mediation Management
- Contract Review & Negotiation
- Executive/Strategic Vision

Bar Admission: Ohio, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and US Supreme Court

EXPERIENCE

NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, (April 2012- Present)

AVP Personal and Commercial Casualty Claims Legal, Columbus, OH (April 2020- Present)

- * Lead a national team of 21 attorneys providing coverage opinions, litigation management and regulatory advice to the P&C claim executives, managers, and associates for the Nationwide family of Companies.
- * Responsible for providing strategic legal advice to the business executives on various legislative, regulatory, and legal developments across the country impacting the claims handling and product development.
- * Provide input on Board of Directors slides and presentations regarding casualty claims.

Associate Vice President Commercial Claims Legal, Columbus, OH (Oct 2013 - April 2020)

- Lead a national team of 16 attorneys providing coverage opinions, litigation management and regulatory advice to the commercial claims executives, managers and associates for the Nationwide family of companies.

**Nationwide Insight Leadership Development Participant
Leader for the P&C Hunger Relief Campaign 2014/2015/2016**

Associate Vice President and Regional Counsel, Atlanta, GA (April 2012-Oct. 2013)

- * Regional Leadership Team Member. Provided legal counsel and strategy advice on Products/Underwriting, Claims and Regulatory matters.
- * State Government Relations contact for the regional operation. (AL, GA, and SC).
- * Conducted meetings with regional state regulators regarding products and pricing.

STATE AUTO INSURANCE COMPANIES

Chief Compliance Officer, Columbus, OH (April 2009-April 2012)

- * Monitored regulatory developments and compliance best practices, including development of a central repository for compliance-related information and resources.
- * Presented to the Board of Directors, Audit Committee, and Executives Officers regarding regulatory and compliance matters.

NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY (May 1997 – April 2009)

Litigation Group-Assistant General Counsel, Columbus, OH

- * Managed multimillion-dollar complex commercial litigation involving securities and financial services, and served as Chief Litigation Counsel and on the Executive Steering Team for Gates McDonald, a national third-party worker's compensation TPA.

Claims Legal Counsel (OH/WV), Canton, OH

- * Retained outside counsel, and other legal vendors, negotiated billing rates, created billing guidelines, and conducted litigation audits of outside counsel.

Trial Counsel, Nationwide Trial Division, Cleveland, OH

- * Represented government/corporate entities, and individuals in various litigation matters and trials in State, Federal, Appellate and the Ohio Supreme Court.

CITY OF CLEVELAND LAW DEPARTMENT, Cleveland, OH (1995 – 1997)

Assistant Director of Law, General Litigation Section

WESTON, HURD, FALLON, PAISLEY & HOWLEY, LLP, Cleveland, OH, (1990 – 1995)

Litigation Associate

CRABBE, BROWN, JONES, POTTS & SCHMIDT, Columbus, OH Summer Associate

Ohio State University College of Law, Columbus, OH

Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH

Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies & Education Certificate (Grades 7-12 Social Studies)