



Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A.

Attorneys and Counsellors at Law



Thomas S. Mazanec

PARTNER

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Auto & Commercial Trucking	Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith
Business & Commercial Law	Liquor Liability
Construction Litigation	Medical Malpractice
Directors & Officers Liability	Product Liability
General Liability	Professional Liability & Licensing

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EDUCATION

- J. D., 1976, Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
- B. A., 1971, Xavier University

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Mr. Mazanec has a diverse legal practice, with an emphasis on insurance defense and general liability. He has handled liquor liability cases for more than 35 years and has tried numerous matters to verdict. He also has considerable experience in trying catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases as well as cases involving seven and eight figure exposure for his clients. Tom defends doctors, lawyers, insurance agents, accountants, appraisers, home inspectors and professionals against malpractice claims. He is a life-long resident of Ohio and has practiced in all 88 counties.

Tom is a founding partner of MRR and has played an essential role in establishing many of the firm's practice specialties, since 1980. He serves as a lead trial attorney in both MRR's Cleveland and Columbus offices. Before starting MRR, Tom worked with Progressive Insurance Company for four years as a claims attorney and senior claims attorney.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Handled liquor liability cases for more than 35 years and has tried numerous liquor liability matters to verdict
- Tried premises liability cases for permit holders
- Handled numerous real estate cases on behalf of realtors, sellers, buyers, homeowners, homeowners' associations, developers, builders, general contractors
- Defended multiple construction defect cases with seven-figure exposure
- Defended doctors, lawyers, insurance agents, accountants, appraisers, home inspectors and professionals against malpractice claims
- Serves as an expert witness with regard to the standards of care and duties of attorneys



PROFESSIONAL
LIABILITY DEFENSE
FEDERATION

Super Lawyers

Best Lawyers

- Successful defense of client from a multi-million dollar exposure where during final argument cross examination used plaintiff's own "day in the life" video for defense
- Handles Alternate Dispute Resolutions (ADR) in order to reduce costs and exposure of clients during mediation
- Served as a mediator on numerous occasions and has been appointed by several local judges to serve as an arbitration chairman
- Successfully defended 20 million dollar environmental claim involving an oil well blowout

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Cleveland Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (CACTA)
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Professional Liability Defense Federation
 - Construction Committee, Vice Chair (Present)
- Professional Liability Underwriters Society
- Christian Legal Society (Mediator/Arbitrator)
- International Amusement and Leisure Defense Association
- National Retail and Restaurant Defense Association (NRRDA)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- AV® Preeminent™ rating from Martindale-Hubbell Directory
- Selected as a Best Lawyer in America for Product Liability Litigation Defendants (2018 & 2019)
- Named an "Ohio Super Lawyer" for Product Liability, Construction, Liquor Liability and Wrongful Death: Defense by *Super Lawyers* magazine (2019)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Counsels incarcerated juveniles on developing life skills
- Church mission trips to help restore and revive New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina Rescue
- Mission work in the inner cities of Cleveland, Chicago and Akron, along with rural areas in Kentucky
- Mission trips to Haiti and India in order to serve the needs of the less fortunate



PRESENTATIONS

- Topics Include:
 - Nursing home abuse
 - How to defend target defendants and diffuse the natural bias against them
 - TIPS and lectured at numerous seminars on liquor liability
 - Ohio's Uninsured and Underinsured motorists
 - Use of technology in the courtroom
 - Trial tactics
 - Jury persuasion: opening and closing arguments
 - Proper use of experts at trial
 - Insurer's duty to defend
 - Defense of lawyers in legal malpractice claims
 - Construction defects and how to avoid being sued