



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

Attorneys and Counsellors at Law



## Todd M. Raskin

PARTNER

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Catastrophic & Traumatic Brain Injury  
Civil Rights & Government Liability  
Directors & Officers Liability  
Employment & Labor Law  
Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith  
Public Sector Law

### Cleveland Office

100 Franklin's Row  
34305 Solon Road  
Cleveland, OH 44139  
Direct: 440.424.0023  
Fax: 440.248.8861  
traskin@mrrlaw.com

### EDUCATION

- J. D., 1979, Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
- B.S., 1972, Kent State University

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

Mr. Raskin is a founding partner of Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder, Co., L.P.A., which has offices in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, in addition to Lexington, Kentucky. He has tried more than 100 cases to conclusion in 37 years of private practice.

Todd has a diverse practice with an emphasis on civil rights and government liability defense, as well as the defense of employers, both public and private. He also has considerable experience in the defense of professionals, including doctors, lawyers, architects, engineers, and behavioral health professionals. He has successfully represented his clients in state and federal courts throughout Ohio and surrounding states, including in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the Ohio Supreme Court.

Todd has been selected as an *Ohio Super Lawyer* during each of the past eight years in the primary practice area of state, local, and municipal government liability and also during the past eight years for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* in the practice area of civil rights law. Additionally, he was named "Lawyer of the Year" in Civil Rights for Cleveland, Ohio in 2013 and 2017 by *Best Lawyers in America*. The *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory* has awarded Todd an AV® Preeminent™.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Successfully defended cases which claimed violations of the First, Fourth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments, including pursuit, excessive force, false arrest and imprisonment, jail suicide, malicious prosecution, wrongful death and police shootings
- Represented public officials in the defense of zoning matters, administrative appeals and Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment takings claims
- Served as special litigation counsel to City of Lorain, Village of Silver Lake, Northfield Center Township, and the City of Maple Heights



- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court



- Routinely handles matters involving Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Served as statewide coverage counsel on behalf of insurers, including bad faith actions, coverage agreements and opinions
- Defends all types of professional liability cases, including health care, professional and private service industry executives

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
  - Former Chair & Vice Chair, Certified Grievance Committee
  - Former Member
- Cleveland Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys
- Professional Liability Defense Federation
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC)
- Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow (Former Member)
- Judicial Conference, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, Life Member
- Cleveland Employment Law Inn of Court
  - Former Master Benchler

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Ravenwood Mental Health Center, Board of Trustees (Former)

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- AV® Preeminent™ rating from *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*
- Named *Best Lawyer in America* “Civil Rights Lawyer of the Year” in Cleveland (2013 & 2017)
- Selected as a *Best Lawyer in America* for Civil Rights Law (2012-2019)
- Named an “Ohio Super Lawyer” for State/Local & Municipal Law by *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine (2012-2019)