



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

Attorneys and Counsellors at Law



## Joseph F. Nicholas, Jr.

PRESIDENT & MANAGING PARTNER

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Auto & Commercial Trucking  
Business & Commercial Law  
Construction Litigation  
General Liability  
Insurance Agents & Brokers  
Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith  
Professional Liability & Licensing  
Rapid Response & Crisis Management

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### EDUCATION

- J. D., 1986, Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
- B.A., 1983, University of Dayton
  - *cum laude*

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Joe focuses his practice on the defense of professional liability matters. He has defended various professionals including lawyers, accountants, doctors, dentists, architects and insurance agents and brokers throughout his career.

In addition to his professional liability practice, he has significant experience handling commercial trucking (long haul and short haul) and commercial coach carrier matters. His practice also includes litigation of first and third party claims with regard to personal lines, various general liability matters and construction defects, as well as counseling small and mid-size companies in business matters.

Joe was named President and Managing Partner of MRR in 2012. Prior to that he served as Administrative Partner-in-Charge of the Cleveland office from 2000-2012.

Before joining the firm in 1991, he was a claims representative at Progressive Casualty Insurance Company for two years adjusting private passenger automobile claims. Joe also worked for Transport Insurance Company in Dallas, Texas, as a Claims Branch Manager and then as a Claims Attorney where he managed commercial trucking claims.

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Professional Liability Defense Federation (PLDF)
  - Insurance Agents & Brokers Committee, Past Chair
- Your House Counsel, Group Chair (Present)



- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit



- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Recognized by Best Lawyers in Transportation Law since 2018
- Named “Lawyer of the Year” in Transportation Law by Best Lawyers in 2019
- AV® Preeminent™ rating by *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Mater Dei Academy, Board of Trustees (Past)
- City of Wickliffe, Board of Zoning Appeals (2005-Present)
  - Vice Chairman (2010-Present)
- Villa Angela-St. Joseph Oarsman Club
  - Vice President (2010-2013)
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Athletic Director (2004-2008)