

Frank H. Scialdone

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Mr. Scialdone focuses his practice on appellate advocacy in state and federal courts with an emphasis on employment law, constitutional torts (Section 1983), public entity defense, and insurance defense.

He has handled more than 300 appellate cases in the Ohio Supreme Court, Ohio's intermediate appellate district courts, and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He routinely consults with trial attorneys on error preservation and pre-appeal strategy.

Frank has prosecuted and defended original actions (e.g., mandamus, prohibition, etc.) and has submitted amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefings on behalf of clients and organizations, including the County Commissioners Association of Ohio and the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys.

Frank is one of the first attorneys to be certified as a specialist in appellate law by the Ohio State Bar Association. His trial practice focuses primarily on the defense of public entities and their employees in federal and state courts. Prior to joining MRR, Frank worked as a news reporter and magazine editor, covering issues related to the medical and construction industries.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- AV® Preeminent™ rating from *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*
- Certified Specialist in Appellate Law, Ohio State Bar Association
- Named an Ohio Super Lawyer in Appellate Law by *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine (2015 – 2024)
- Named an Ohio Super Lawyers "Rising Star" in Appellate Law by *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine (2011 & 2012)
- Recipient of Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys' Distinguished Service Award (2008 & 2011)

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate
Civil Rights & Government Liability
Employment & Labor Law
General Liability
Public Sector Law

BAR ADMISSIONS

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

EDUCATION

- J.D., 2002, Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
 - Magna cum laude
 - *Cleveland-Marshall Journal of Law and Health*, Executive Editor

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
 - Appellate Committee of Litigation Section – Articles Editor (2006 – 2016); Member (2005 – present)
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA)
 - Government Liability Committee, Chairman (2008 – 2019)
 - Appellate Committee, Member (2008 – present)

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- Appointed to Ad Hoc Independent Review Panel for OSBA Appellate Specialization Appeal (2010 & 2012)
- Recipient of CALI Award for Excellence in Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy
- Recipient of CALI Award for Excellence in Transactional Drafting

PRESENTATIONS

- *Federal Appellate Practice* - 2nd Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Court Institute, Akron Bar Association/University of Akron School of Law (2012)
- Governmental Liability Seminar, Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (2011)
- *Governmental Immunity* - Ohio Association of Magistrates Fall Conference Common Pleas/Appellate, Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College (2010)
- *Post-Appellate Judgment Motion Practice* - Appellate Advocacy Seminar, Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys Appellate Committee (2009)
- *Timing is Everything: Strategic Use of Interlocutory Immunity Appeals* - Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys Annual Meeting (2008)

PUBLICATIONS

- *Recreational User Immunity Overview: A Safe Haven for Political Subdivisions that Freely Open Their Lands for Recreational Use* – Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, Quarterly Review, Vol. 9, Issue No. 4, 2015
- *Do Interlocutory Appeals of Orders that Deny Immunity Under Ohio Rev. Code 2744.02(C) Require Civ. R. 54 (B) Certification in Multi-Party/Claim Cases?* – Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, Quarterly Review, Vol. 1, No. 3, 2008
- *Orders that Deny Immunity to Political Subdivisions Under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2744 Are Subject to Immediate Appeal* – Defense Research Institute, Governmental Liability Section Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 4, Winter, 2007

