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Jeffrey T. Kay

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate	General Liability
Business & Commercial Law	Employment & Labor Law
Civil Rights & Governmental Liability	Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith
Construction Litigation	Medical Malpractice
Directors & Officers Liability	Municipal Law
	Professional Liability and Licensing

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EDUCATION

- J. D., 1997, Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
- B.S., 1993, Ashland University
 - *magna cum laude*
 - Gamma Alpha Kappa

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. Kay focuses his practice on civil rights and governmental liability, business and commercial law, and appellate law, with a concentration on civil litigation defense. He represents insurance companies/risk pools and their insureds with respect to both first and third-party claims, including employment discrimination, professional liability, municipal liability, automobile negligence claims, general commercial matters, bad faith claims, uninsured/underinsured claims, products liability, wrongful death claims, commercial premises liability claims, and property and casualty claims. He also has significant experience counseling clients in insurance coverage matters, including the securing of declaratory judgments on policy interpretations.

Developed during his years of experience working with insurance companies, Jeff has the expertise and ability, often in conjunction with an insurance company's Special Investigations Unit (SIU), to handle the investigation and coverage analysis of suspicious/fraudulent insurance claims, including complex fire and homeowners loss claims. By conducting extensive fact investigations in an effort to take a very aggressive stance against all fraudulent claims, including taking examinations under oath (EUOs), he provides assistance to insurers throughout the claims process and beyond. Jeff has the trial experience needed to defend and litigate every aspect of first and third-party fraudulent claims in mediations, arbitrations, and trials in state and federal courts.

Jeff has successfully handled cases before state and federal administrative agencies, with a focus on representing clients before the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission (EEOC) and the Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC.) Before joining MRR, he was employed by the OCRC and was primarily responsible for drafting the Cleveland Regional Office's Recommendation – for submission to the OCRC – which set forth the Cleveland Regional Office's legal basis for its determination on employee discrimination.

He advises business owners and entrepreneurs on capital investments, as he is an entrepreneur and investor himself. Jeff founded Jacobs III Capital Holdings, LLC, a creative and cutting-edge investment company, in 2003



and since then it has invested in several successful business ventures, including residential real estate development.

He has achieved success on behalf of his clients before state and federal appellate courts, having successfully argued cases before most of the Ohio Appellate Circuit Courts.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- AV® Preeminent™ rating from *Martindale-Hubbell* Directory
- Named an “Ohio Super Lawyer” in Civil Litigation: Defense by *Super Lawyers* magazine (2018-2021)
- Selected “Top Rated Lawyer in Insurance Law” by *American Lawyer Media* and *Martindale-Hubbell* (2013-2021)
- Selected for the 27th Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® for Civil Rights Law, Insurance Law, Litigation-Municipal (2021)
- Named “Recommended Insurance Attorney” by A.M. Best (2013)
- Certified Litigation Management Professional (CLMP), Litigation Management Institute, Columbia Law School (2013)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, Governmental Liability Committee
- Ohio State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Geauga County Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

- “When Joining The Crowd May Allow You to Stand Out: The Jobs Act and the Advent of Equity-Based Crowdfunding” - MRR’s Legal Blog *Decisive Decision* (2012)
- *Broke and Searching for Solutions: Local Governments Turn to Job Description Changes as an Option to Achieving Needed Cost Savings*, Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, Quarterly Review, Vol. 5, Issue No.4, Fall 2012

PRESENTATIONS

- “Primer & Update on Ohio Political Subdivision Roadway Liability” – Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys – Governmental Liability Seminar (August 2016)
- “Ohio Political Subdivisions and Roadway Liability” – Ohio Township Association 2013 Winter Conference (2013)
- “Defending Roadway Claims, Educational Presentation to Trident Insurance” – Argo Group (2013)
- “Home Inspection Contracts & Ohio Case Law” – American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI), North Central Ohio Chapter (2013)