

# SUTTER O'CONNELL ATTORNEYS

**Matthew C. O'Connell**

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Named Managing Shareholder of the firm in March 2017, Matt O'Connell is a veteran of 35 years as a trial lawyer. He has represented some of America's largest companies in cases involving products liability, intellectual property, breach of contract, insurance coverage, and environmental and toxic tort claims. His litigation experience includes the successful defense of non-compete clauses, premises liability and employment cases. Matt is a frequent lecturer and presenter at professional seminars and conferences.

Recent professional recognition includes being named to the Case Western Reserve School of Law Alumni Advisory Board for a three year term beginning in November 2018, and to the Irish Legal 100, keeping elite company with some of America's finest trial lawyers and judges of Irish heritage.

Matt was raised in Mexico City and is fluent in Spanish.

## **Education**

University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A.,  
1979  
Case Western Reserve University, J.D.,  
1983

## **Awards & Recognition**

Super Lawyers, 2008-2019  
Rated AV/Preeminent by Martindale-  
Hubbell  
Induction to Irish Legal 100

## **Practice Areas**

Environmental & Toxic Torts  
Commercial Litigation  
Insurance Coverage  
Intellectual Property & Trademark  
Enforcement  
Products Liability

## **Admissions**

Ohio  
Kentucky  
Tennessee

## **United States District Courts**

Northern District of Ohio  
Southern District of Ohio  
Eastern District of Ohio  
Eastern District of Kentucky  
Middle District of Tennessee  
Western District of Tennessee

United States Court of Appeals for the  
Sixth Circuit

## **Publications**

Editor, Ohio Association of Civil Trial  
Attorneys Quarterly Review, Fall 2010

## **Involvement**

Mentor, Ohio Supreme Court Lawyer to  
Lawyer Mentoring Program  
Senior Fellow, Cleveland Bar Foundation

## **Associations**

Ohio State Bar Association  
Kentucky Bar Association  
Tennessee Bar Association  
Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association  
Ohio Association of Defense Counsel  
Irish-American Bar Association of  
Cleveland  
Claims and Litigation Management  
Alliance  
Defense Research Institute  
International Association of Defense  
Counsel  
Federal Bar Association  
John M. Manos American Inn of Court  
Litigation Counsel of America

## **Representative Matters**

Successful defense railroad tank car manufacturer in closed head injury case resulting in directed verdict in longest civil trial in Hamilton County, Ohio.

Obtained affirmance of summary judgment in favor of fluid sealing materials product manufacturer in maritime asbestos case, established law of "substantial factor" in toxic exposure cases. 434 F.3d 488 (6th Cir., 2005)

Represented trademark holder in enforcement lawsuit resulting in jury awarding trademark holder damages in excess of \$5 million. Established law in the Sixth Circuit finding contributory liability under the Lanham Act for trademark infringement. 717 F.3d 498 (6th Cir., 2013)