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Matt O'Connell is a veteran of over 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, 2008-2021
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

Publications

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

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

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 Civil Trial Attorneys
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
Irish Legal 100
Law Alumni Advisory Board, Case
Western Reserve School of Law

Representative Matters

Successful defense of 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).