

# DENISE A. DICKERSON

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## ABOUT DENISE A. DICKERSON

With over 20 years' experience in the legal sphere, our Award Winner and Shareholder Denise Dickerson has handled an array of cases, achieving desirable results for her, often distraught, clients. Whether it is a catastrophic case involving product liability or environmental toxic tort, Denise has time and time again handled cases in a professional and zealous manner.

After graduating from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, cum laude, in 1995, Denise worked towards specialising in medical malpractice claims, products liability and environmental toxic tort. Further to this, her vast knowledge in the legal sphere is well-valued across states; Denise has four state licences and has handled cases in more than 20 states across the US.

Not only this, but our Women in Law Winner has also contributed to prestigious publications, including the Cleveland State Law Review, Vol. 43, No. 2 (1995), with her piece on "A Doctor's Duty to Disclose Life Expectancy to Terminally Ill Patients", as well as being contacted by the media to discuss topical issues, such as AI in the transportation industry. This is of no surprise, as Denise frequently serves as regional trial counsel for numerous automobile manufacturers. This experience has allowed her to serve as national counsel for a product packaging company, including coordination of the defense in a MDL and in post-litigation proceedings.

A prominent achievement is her success in defending a railroad tank car manufacturer in a case involving a closed head injury in one of the longest civil trials in Hamilton County, Ohio's history.

Outside of the legal sphere, Denise is also committed to fundraising for the American Cancer Society to increase pancreatic cancer awareness. Read on to find a list of Denise's achievements and qualifications.

### Education

Temple University, B.S., cum laude, 1989  
Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1995

Technologies", DRI News, January 2016

### Admissions

State Courts: Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia  
United States District Courts: Northern District of Ohio; Southern District of Ohio Eastern District of Kentucky; Western District of Kentucky; Eastern District of Tennessee; Middle District of Tennessee; Western District of Tennessee; Eastern District of Michigan; District of Colorado; Southern District of West Virginia; Eastern District of Wisconsin  
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

### Involvement

Fellow, Cleveland Bar Foundation; Fellow, Litigation

Counsel of America; Product Liability Advisory Council

### Associations

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association  
Kentucky Bar Association  
Tennessee Bar Association  
West Virginia Bar Association  
American Bar Association  
Defense Research Institute (Former Chair, Automotive Specialized Litigation Group)  
International Association of Defense Counsel  
International Legal Technology Association

### Awards & Recognition

Professional Woman of the Year, National Association of Professional Women, 2013  
Rated AV/Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell

### Practice Areas

Archery, Recreation and Sporting Goods  
Class Actions  
Environmental & Toxic Torts  
Medical Devices and Products  
Medical Malpractice  
Products Liability  
Retail, Restaurant & Hospitality  
Trucking & Transportation

### Publications

Author: "A Doctor's Duty to Disclose Life Expectancy to Terminally Ill Patients", Cleveland State Law Review, Vol. 43, No. 2 (1995)  
Author, "Navigating Today's Roadmap for Tomorrow's Advance Automotive

## Representative Matters

- Representation of a retailer of a private labeled product in class actions in Ohio and New York.
- Defended and favorably resolved wrongful death claim in case alleging defects in a home appliance.
- Obtained summary judgment of a wrongful death claim for a major automobile manufacturer.
- Obtained defense verdict at trial on behalf of a major auto manufacturer in a case alleging breach of warranty.



## FIRM PROFILE

Since its founding in 2002, the trial lawyers of Sutter O'Connell have earned a reputation for trying and winning cases which other firms are reluctant to take to trial. We have tried, defended or supervised cases in over 40 states. Most of our lawyers are admitted to practice in multiple states as well as in numerous Federal courts.

Sutter O'Connell's attorneys have won numerous awards and recognitions for our professional accomplishments. Five of our attorneys have earned an "AV— Preeminent" rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Many of our attorneys enjoy the benefits of membership in leading national legal practice associations, such as the Litigation Counsel of America, the International Association of Defense Counsel, The American Inns of Court, the Product Liability Advisory Council, as well as national and state-wide leadership positions in the Defense Research Institute.

The firm's leadership brings over 100 years' experience representing their clients in some of their riskiest and biggest potential exposure matters. Our diverse and ever-growing client base includes worldwide recognized manufacturers of automobiles and aircraft, industrial power equipment and tools, consumer household products, interstate transportation carriers, general and excess insurance companies, manufacturers of fashion products and accessories, restaurant, hospitality and hotel operators, sporting goods and outdoor activity products, construction equipment, refuse collection and recycling companies, as well as defense of professional liability matters.

