

David E. Williamson

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Dave is an experienced civil litigator and trial lawyer, handling a wide range of claims over the course of his career. His practice includes defending insurance company clients in disputes with insureds, other insurers, and claimants. Those cases involve questions about whether coverage is available for a claim, the value of the claim, the priority of multiple coverages, and whether the insurer acted in bad faith in its handling of the claim.

Dave also defends clients in general liability cases, in which a party claims to have suffered bodily injury, property damage, etc., as a result of the negligent acts or omissions of another – including complex bodily injury cases. He has also handled cases in federal court defending a variety of claims asserted against cities, counties, and municipalities. Other areas of his practice include transportation law, environmental litigation, workplace injury claims, property disputes, grade crossing accident cases, interactions with local municipalities, medical malpractice cases - defending doctors and other health care providers, as well as a variety of commercial litigation involving disputes between businesses.

As managing attorney of the Cincinnati office, Dave oversees the day-to-day operations for the entire office, ensuring that client matters are handled promptly, professionally and effectively.

Dave received his *juris doctor* from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1999, after completing his undergraduate work at Hanover College in 1995. He is admitted in both state and federal courts in the state of Ohio and Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Dave is married with two sons. He is active in his community and currently serves on the Executive Board of Oak Hills Youth Athletics.

Practices

- General Liability
- Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Public Entity & Civil Rights Litigation
- Trucking & Transportation Liability
- Environmental & Toxic Tort Litigation
- Medical Malpractice

Education

- NKU Salmon P. Chase College of Law (J.D., 1999)
- Hanover College (B.A., 1995)

Admissions

- Ohio, 1999
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Ohio, 2004
- U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 2008
- Kentucky, 2012
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Kentucky, 2013
- U.S. District Court Western District of Kentucky, 2021

Honors & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2025, 2027)

Associations & Memberships

- Cincinnati Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Northern Kentucky Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association

Significant Representative Matters

- Obtained summary judgment for a local city against a plaintiff's claim for violation of civil rights. The plaintiff claimed the City of Fairfield and its police department violated his civil rights by improperly evicting him, forcing him to abandon the home where he had been living, and his personal property that he was forced to leave behind. He also claimed they threatened him with arrest and physical harm. We first obtained a dismissal of the police department on grounds that it was not the proper party. We then moved for summary judgment as to the claims against the city based on the evidence—the body cam footage from the responding officers—and political subdivision immunity. The court granted our motion for summary judgment based upon immunity from performing a police function and the plaintiff's failure to prove the city had adopted any custom or practice that violated his civil rights.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of an insurance company client in a bad-faith case pending in Jefferson Circuit Court in Louisville, Kentucky.

Results

Successful Defense of Appeal in the Kentucky Court of Appeals

We successfully defended an appeal of summary judgment granted in favor of our insurance company client in the Kentucky Court of Appeals. The court agreed our client was entitled to challenge liability for the plaintiff's claim and defend its insured, despite the requirements of the Kentucky Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act.

Ohio Court of Appeals Affirms Summary Judgment for Nail Salon

We successfully defended an appeal of a trial court grant of summary judgment in favor

of a nail salon in a slip-and-fall case. The plaintiff alleged she fell in an untreated wet area inside the salon on a rainy day. However, the plaintiff failed to produce any evidence about the source of the “wet area,” or that the salon had actual or constructive knowledge of the wet area prior to the plaintiff’s fall. The trial court granted summary judgment in favor of the salon and the Ohio Court of Appeals affirmed that decision.

Thought Leadership

July 21, 2026

Ohio Court Clarifies That No Bad-Faith Claim Exists Without a Breach of the Policy

April 1, 2026

Ohio Supreme Court Rules Trial Courts Must Apply Specific Standards Before Ordering Disclosure of Privileged Claims Files

January 1, 2026

Ohio Supreme Court Enforces Broad Arbitration Clause in Insurance Policy, Extending to Bad Faith Claims

June 1, 2024

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