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Tom Glassman is a shareholder in the Casualty Department and an experienced litigator with more than 30 years representing insurers, insureds, governmental entities, and businesses of all sizes throughout Ohio and Kentucky. He has devoted his legal career defending a wide array of matters including litigation defense, pre-suit investigations, coverage analysis and SIU matters. He has extensive experience at both the trial and appellate levels. Tom also works with clients in developing training programs and internal policies and procedures for both claim handling and loss response.

Tom has also handled significant appellate matters before the Ohio Supreme Court, including serving as lead appellate counsel in *Dillon v. Farmers Ins. of Columbus, Inc.*, a case of first impression where the Supreme Court held that Ohio's Consumer Sales Practices Act does not apply to first-party automobile insurance claims.

Tom graduated *cum laude* from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law. He is admitted to practice before all state and federal courts in Ohio and Kentucky, as well as multiple federal courts in Indiana and Michigan.

Outside of his legal practice, Tom is passionate about legal education and international development. Through the Fulbright Program, he has taught at law schools in Azerbaijan, Latvia, and Moldova. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Leavitt Institute for International Development, which develops and implements educational programs for law schools throughout Ukraine.

Tom and his wife are proud empty nest parents of four children and enjoy hiking and traveling together.

Education

- NKU Salmon P. Chase College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1993)

Practices

- Catastrophic Claims Litigation
- Automobile Liability
- Fraud/Special Investigation
- Premises & Retail Liability
- Appellate Advocacy & Post-Trial Practice

- University of Cincinnati (B.A., 1988)

Admissions

- Ohio, 1993
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Ohio, 1993
- Kentucky, 1995
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Kentucky, 2006
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Ohio, 1999
- Supreme Court of the United States, 2000
- U.S. District Court Western District of Kentucky, 2006
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Indiana, 2007
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan, 2008
- U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 2019

Honors & Awards

AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®

Ohio Super Lawyer - 2017-2025

Representative Cases & Matters

Obtained a defense verdict in a jury trial involving a fatal motorcycle accident in which the plaintiff alleged the collision was caused by an improper lane change. The favorable result followed a successful Daubert challenge excluding the plaintiff's accident reconstruction expert.

Successfully obtained dismissal of claims against a school district based upon governmental immunity. The plaintiff, who alleged a traumatic brain injury and other significant injuries after being struck by oncoming traffic while crossing the street following a bus drop-off, claimed the school district was liable for the incident. The court held that the school district was statutorily immune from liability and owed no legal duty under the circumstances.

Served as lead appellate counsel in *Dillon v. Farmers Ins. of Columbus, Inc.*, 145 Ohio St.3d 133, 2015-Ohio-5407, a case of first impression in which the Ohio Supreme Court held that Ohio's Consumer Sales Practices Act does not apply to first-party automobile insurance claims, establishing an important statewide precedent.

Obtained a defense verdict in a jury trial representing a church in litigation arising from daycare workers administering Melatonin to children during nap time. The jury determined that the employees' conduct fell outside the course and scope of their employment, precluding vicarious liability against the church, and further found that the conduct was not reasonably foreseeable to church leadership.