

Profile of the Firm

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Reminger Co., L.P.A. has historically represented a diverse client base in civil litigation. Areas of specialization within the firm have also evolved to include corporate, tax, real estate and probate matters. Our offices are strategically located so as to enable us to serve our clients more efficiently on a statewide and/or regional basis. Our attorneys have experience representing clients in complex and catastrophic matters throughout the United States.

Philosophy of Case Management

Our fundamental objective in all the legal services we provide is to obtain the best possible result for our clients. Our attorneys are committed to service and resolving our clients' legal issues.

Practice Areas

LITIGATION

Our client base is extensive ranging from Fortune 500 Corporations to virtually every major insurance carrier. The following is a brief synopsis of various practice areas where Reminger attorneys are involved in defending civil cases at jury trials, arbitrations, mediations or other administrative and alternative dispute resolution processes.

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE/HEALTH CARE:

A number of our attorneys devote their time almost exclusively to the representation of hospitals, physicians, dentists and other health care providers. In addition to the defense of civil cases before juries, we also provide expertise in all areas of regulatory law, risk management and the administration of self-insured programs. Our attorneys have expertise in all areas of law facing health care providers including compliance matters and licensing issues in front of various medical/dental boards.

Representative Clients: The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, University Hospitals, Childrens' Hospital of Akron, Lake Hospital System, MetroHealth Medical Center, Catholic Health Partners, EMH Regional Medical Center, Trinity Health System and Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center. In the area of the defense of individual physicians, we are pleased to have ongoing referral relationships with all of the major medical malpractice insurance carriers in the State of Ohio including The Medical Protective Company, OHIC Insurance Company, The Doctors' Company, AIG, ProAssurance, American Physician Assurance, Hudson Insurance, CNA Insurance and OHA Insurance Solutions.

TRANSPORTATION:

ICC authorized carriers, as well as most of the major transportation liability insurers, rely upon our firm's experience to help solve the unique challenges facing the transportation industry in the United States. We have more than 35 years of experience in defending both routine and catastrophic cases and in dealing with logo liability, bobtail, deadhead, trip lease and Title 49 issues.

Representative Clients: YRC Worldwide, Penske Truck Leasing, Transport Corp. of America, Central Transport, Gainey Transportation, Swift Transportation, Interstate Distributors, Millis Transfer, Landstar and transportation insurers such as Great West Casualty, Carolina Casualty, National Indemnity, AIG, Clarendon, Protective Insurance, Markel, Kingsway, DHL, Werner Enterprises, Heartland Express and Occidental.

COMMERCIAL DISPUTES:

Our firm regularly represents privately and publicly held companies whose business enterprises periodically involve them in commercial disputes. These often include disputes over employee non-compete agreements, merger agreements, stock

purchases, and issues unique to partnerships and limited liability companies.

Representative Clients: CVS, The Lincoln Electric Company, State Industrial Products, The Sanson Company, Republic Savings, and Marc's.

PRODUCTS LIABILITY:

Our firm represents manufacturers, importers, and distributors of various products including automobiles, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and industrial machinery. We serve major multinational corporations as well as small market entrepreneurs. Our firm has likewise developed substantial expertise representing clients in regulatory matters with the FDA and CPSC.

Representative Clients: Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC, Kia Motors America, Inc, Toyota Motor Corporation, Gould, Inc., Mannesmann-Demag, American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Wellcraft Marine, and Saint-Gobain Corp.

TOXIC TORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION:

We have internally developed teams of lawyers who are especially prepared to deal with the influx of multi-party mass tort litigation involving products such as asbestos, formaldehyde, DES and industrial chemicals. We are also regularly called upon to consult with and represent companies with pro-active environmental policies seeking to reconcile the myriad of problems which can and do arise under the CERCLA and RCRA laws. This representation has even involved Oil Pipeline projects throughout the United States.

Representative Clients: XL Environmental Insurance, Hukill Chemical Company, Marathon Oil Corporation, Ohio Pipe and Supply, Fox Industries, Gould, Inc., and REX Pipeline.

PROFESSIONAL MALPRACTICE:

Our expertise in defending professional malpractice claims includes those against architects, accountants, engineers, lawyers, insurance and real estate agents, financial planners, security dealers and other miscellaneous professionals.

Representative Clients: Zurich North America, Arch Insurance Group, CNA, XL Group, ProNational, Great American Insurance Company, ProAssurance, and Navigators. See also clients identified in our Construction Design and Liability Practice Group.

INSURANCE COVERAGE:

Our firm has kept pace with the increasingly sophisticated insurance coverage issues litigated between insureds and their insurers throughout the country; particularly in the context of automobile, commercial, professional and environmental liability policies.

Representative Clients: Underwriters at Lloyds and various London Market Companies, CNA, Insurance Environmental Litigation Association, Allianz, Travelers Insurance Co., and Liberty Mutual.

EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION:

We represent employers in the defense of wrongful termination claims arising out of harassment and discrimination, breach of contract, and violations of Ohio public policy. We have handled numerous matters relating to covenants not to compete, trade secret violations and employee benefit disputes.

Representative Clients: The Lincoln Electric Company, Chubb Insurance Company, Markel Insurance, Underwriters at Lloyd's, and Pepsi America.

GENERAL LIABILITY:

Our firm continues to maintain its tradition of providing quality and reasonably priced services in defending automobile liability, premises liability and other related matters through personal and commercial lines insurance carriers. We also have a specific expertise in defending claims against retailers, restaurants, and other places of public accommodation.

Representative Clients: Liberty Mutual, Travelers, Cambridge Integrated Services, GEICO Direct, Empire Fire and Marine, Progressive Insurance Company, Macy's, Ryans, Save-A-Lot and CNA Insurance Companies.

GOVERNMENTAL LAW:

Members of our firm are actively involved in representing numerous governmental entities either directly or through their insurers in civil rights, employment, zoning and land use planning claims.

Representative Clients: Ohio Government Risk Management Plan, OTARMA, Municipal Insurance Alliance, and multiple Ohio municipalities and townships.

FINANCE AND CREDITOR RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES:

The members of the Finance and Creditor Rights and Liabilities

Practice Group regularly defend clients in causes of action that typically arise from the collection of debts, foreclosures, or the sale of goods and services. Such claims include causes of action brought under the Fair Debt Collection Practice Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Ohio Consumer Sales Practice Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the Home Ownership Equity Protection Act, the Real Estate Settlement and Procedures Act, and other consumer protection statutes. The members of the group also defend claims involving breach of express and implied warranties and breach of contract.

Representative Clients: CitiFinancial Mortgage, Inc., American General Financial Services, NovaStar Mortgage, Inc., Credit Bureau of Columbus, Ultimate Warranty Corporation and NCO Financial Systems, Inc.

CONSTRUCTION/ARCHITECT ENGINEERS:

Our Construction Design and Liability Group represents owners, contractors, subcontractors, architects, and engineers. In addition to state and federal trial court proceedings, we also handle many of these disputes pursuant to the unique procedures of the American Arbitration Association.

Representative Clients: Cincinnati Insurance Company, CNA, Contractors, Inc., Great Lakes Construction Company, Zurich Insurance, XL Design, Austin Company, Solar Testing Laboratories, Kokosing Construction and Turner Construction Company.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION:

We represent both self-insured and state-funded companies for workers' compensation exposures throughout the administrative process and trial. Likewise, our clients regularly call upon us to defend them against intentional tort claims and provide representation on VSSR and OSHA matters.

Representative Clients: Marriott International, Inc., ABF, National Engineering, Dollar General Corporation, Pepsi America, and AIG.

EXCESS, SURPLUS & REINSURANCE:

Complex and catastrophic claims usually give rise to various issues that uniquely affect excess, surplus and reinsurance carriers, many of whom are not domiciled in the United States. Due to our reputation and experience in understanding the dynamics of those relationships, we are frequently called upon to represent insurers who have a financial interest in the ultimate resolution of matters that they do not directly control.

ESTATE AND PROBATE PRACTICE

Our Estate and Probate Practice is devoted to Estate Planning, Estate/Trust/Guardianship Administration and litigation involving Estates, Trusts, and incompetent individuals. Our lawyers tackle problems in the Probate Courts of Ohio on a daily basis involving financial exploitation, misuse of fiduciary powers, and questions involving the validity of estate planning documents.

ESTATE PLANNING:

We have decades of experience in providing estate planning advice and design to preserve assets and to attain personal and family goals while minimizing the income, gift, estate, and generation-skipping taxes associated with the lifetime and/or testamentary transfer of wealth. We receive repeated client referrals from attorneys at other law firms, accountants, investment advisors, and financial planning professionals, as well as from our existing clients. In most cases, we are able to offer our services on a fixed fee basis so that our clients do not feel constrained from exploring fully their estate planning needs and goals.

GUARDIANSHIP ADMINISTRATION LITIGATION:

Families are increasingly finding themselves in conflict regarding the complex issues that face the growing elderly population. Disagreements as to medical treatment, placement, care, and control of finances, as well as protection from financial

exploitation are typically resolved through the process of guardianships at the probate court. Our probate litigators have unique insight into the guardianship process and frequently deal with issues surrounding the appointment of guardians or their removal, including issues of jurisdiction, placement, and care.

TRUSTS AND ESTATES LITIGATION:

For over forty years we have represented executors, administrators, trustees, heirs, beneficiaries as both plaintiffs and defendants in lawsuits and contested proceedings involving trusts and probate estates. These cases include will contests, claims of intentional interference with expectations of inheritance, breach of fiduciary duty cases involving fraud or negligence under the Ohio Trust Code and Ohio Probate Law, as well as the misuse and/or abuse of powers of attorney. In many of these cases, we are able to provide alternative fee arrangements including contingency and fixed fees.

Representative Clients: Key Bank National Association, National City Bank, and Huntington National Bank.

CORPORATE AND BUSINESS PRACTICE

Our corporate and business practice includes the representation of both privately and publicly held corporations and includes a diverse local, national and international client base. We provide full service representation in the corporate, tax, real estate and financing practice areas. Those practice areas are summarized as follows:

CORPORATE PRACTICE:

Our firm has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, sales and divestitures, leveraged buy outs, contract negotiation, shareholder agreements, and representation regarding personnel, labor and employment law issues. We provide succession planning for closely held businesses, corporate and personal income tax planning, and representation involving tax controversies and tax practice before administrative agencies and courts.

Representative Clients: NetShape Technologies, FirstMerit Bank, The Glidden Company/ICI Paints, Luce, Smith & Scott, Inc., Marconi Communications Inc., Radiometer America Inc., RPM, Inc., Struers Inc, Marc's, Darice, and Pat Catans.

REAL ESTATE:

We represent buyers, sellers, shopping center, industrial and commercial developers, syndicators, realtors, and title insurance agencies and companies. We also have extensive experience in representing clients involved in the acquisition and sale of commercial real estate, development of commercial real estate, leasing, and obtaining financing for the acquisition and development of real estate. Our practice also includes

representation regarding zoning issues and the litigation of disputes involving title, possession and tax controversies.

Representative Clients: Developers Diversified, Stewart Title Guaranty Co., and Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, INTERNET & TECHNOLOGY:

Innovation and identity are critical to your business's success. We secure your intellectual capital and corporate goodwill by carefully identifying, managing and defending your intellectual property rights. We protect your company against counterfeit products and services; litigate patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret cases; and draft and negotiate licensing and technology transfer agreements. Cyber-squatting, web site liability, intellectual property management, confidentiality and non-competition issues arise in every business, even small and medium sized law-tech enterprises. Our lawyers also stand up for individuals with rights to their creative, original or innovative works.

Representative Client: Tdata, Inc., Metaris, Inc., NetShape Technologies, Darice, Inc.

ANCILLARY SERVICES

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Our Reminger Risk Solutions® service affiliate offers clients risk management evaluation and consultation focused on reducing liability exposures and controlling claim expense. We likewise offer services for program administration, run off management, and individual and bundled claim and audit evaluations. Our regional locations coupled with our national affiliations allow us to serve as national coordinating counsel for various clients faced with a single or similar liability exposure in multiple jurisdictions.

Representative Clients: First America, Inc., Gould, Inc., and Royal and SunAlliance.

MEDIATION/ARBITRATION SERVICES:

REMEDY is an independent service affiliate of our firm which offers a confidential and impartial forum to private parties and businesses for the alternative resolution of disputes. These services are provided through senior attorneys of the firm who are certified mediators and arbitrators.

SEMINARS:

The firm offers educational presentations to large clients or client groups in various industry and service sectors including hospitals, physician and nursing groups, and insurance claims representatives. All of these presentations are provided on a complimentary basis.

NEWSLETTER:

We regularly publish a newsletter summarizing current trends in the law and recent judicial decisions which is sent on a complimentary basis to those segments of our client base most likely to be affected by the particular developments.

LANGUAGES:

German, Italian and Spanish.



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