

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:

Reminger has more than 45 attorneys located in offices throughout Ohio and Kentucky that are dedicated to the defense of physicians, hospitals, nurses, nursing homes and ancillary service providers in virtually every area of the healing arts. Our attorneys have the benefit of a team of legal nurse consultants that contributes to Reminger having the broadest experience in medical malpractice defense.

HEALTH CARE:

We represent a wide array of healthcare providers including healthcare systems, hospitals, nursing homes, medical staffs, assisted living facilities, physician groups, dentists, and specialty clinics with regulatory matters including compliance and issues involving licensing, business transactions and litigation.

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:

For over 50 years, Reminger's Trucking and Commercial Transportation attorneys have provided organized, thoughtful and aggressive representation. The practice group has grown to become a nationally recognized leader in the defense of commercial transportation risks from the routine to the catastrophic. Composed of lawyers in our offices throughout Ohio and Kentucky, our department leaders have extensive trial experience in the specialized area of transportation losses. They have been recognized as Ohio "Super Lawyers", America's Best Lawyers, etc. Our team of lawyers remain on 24-hour call for 'on-scene' assignments.

Representative Clients: YRC Worldwide, Penske Truck Leasing, Penske Logistics, Central Transport, Swift Transportation, Interstate Distributors, Millis Transfer, Landstar Systems, Heartland Express, Werner Transportation, ABF Freight Systems, Knight Transportation, Roadlink USA National, FedEx and USA Truck.

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 multi-national 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: Hukill Chemical Company, Marathon Oil Corporation, Ohio Pipe and Supply, Fox Industries, Gould, Inc., and REX Pipeline.

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY:

The defense of non-medical professionals has a strong concentration in the areas of Legal Professional Liability and Financial Services Professional Liability. Our depth in both these areas accounts for each having a separate subgroup within the umbrella of Professional Liability. We also handle a great deal of professional liability cases

pertaining to Architects and Engineers/Construction Liability.

Professional Liability claims are not limited to just those areas, as we also address those needs of other disciplines including human resources, real estate and a wide range of miscellaneous areas, all of which share the same general context for evaluation of risk and liability considerations. We have extensive experience in counseling and problem-solving for a wide range of professions.

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 Architects and Engineers/Construction 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 CASUALTY/EXCESS AND SURPLUS LINES:

The firm continues to maintain its strong tradition of providing high quality and reasonably priced services in defending general casualty lawsuits including automobile liability, premises liability and other related matters through personal and commercial lines insurance carriers as excess and surplus carriers. We also have a specific expertise in defending claims against retailers, restaurants, amusement and recreational facilities, 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, CNA Insurance Companies, Allianz, Zurich Re, Employers Re, Underwriters at Lloyds and First State Management Group.

RETAIL AND HOSPITALITY LIABILITY:

Each of Reminger's Ohio and Kentucky offices has a strong core of lawyers with expertise in retail and hospitality liability claims. We vigorously defend retailers of all size against not only the general liability 'slip and fall' cases, but also the high exposure false arrest and parking lot security claims.

Representative Clients: The May Department Stores nka Federated Department Stores, SuperValu Inc., The Gap, Ryan's Steakhouses, YUM! Brands, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Wausau Insurance and many other carriers, TPA's, MGA's.

LONG TERM CARE:

Long Term Care litigation is one of the fastest growing areas of litigation throughout the state of Ohio. Our defense group has been an innovator in the complex arena of long term care law. The attorneys within our group are seasoned litigators with extensive experience in falls, pressure sores, dehydration, and elopement as well as the defense of Ohio Resident's Rights claims that form the basis of most long term care litigation.

Representative Clients: Sun Healthcare, Alterra Healthcare, HCR Manor Care, Kindred Healthcare, Golden Living, Trilogy Health Services, OneBeacon Professional Insurance, Legacy Healthcare, Hamlin & Burton, HIS, Zurich Healthcare, Neace Lukens, AIG, CNA

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.

ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS/CONSTRUCTION LIABILITY:

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.

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.

PROBATE ADMINISTRATION, TRUST ADMINISTRATION AND GUARDIANSHIPS:

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.

PROBATE AND TRUST 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.

