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Monica Sansalone is the Practice Group Manager of Gallagher Sharp's Professional Liability Group. She represents lawyers in grievance proceedings and defends them against malpractice claims. She provides representation in trial courts and on appeal, including matters before the Supreme Court of Ohio. Ms. Sansalone lectures on ethics, malpractice, and professionalism. She provides counsel for risk management matters, pre-suit evaluation, and claim repair. She has been a partner at Gallagher Sharp since 2003 and is also a member of the firm's Appellate Practice Group.

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

- 1995, Ohio
- United States Court of Appeals  
Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court  
Northern District of Ohio  
Southern District of Ohio

#### EDUCATION

- **Cleveland-Marshall College of Law**  
(J.D., *cum laude*, 1995)
- **Loyola University of Chicago**  
(B.A., 1992)

#### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Supreme Court of Ohio Lawyers'  
Fund for Client Protection Board  
of Commissioners
- Advisory Committee, Solo Practitioner  
Incubator, Cleveland-Marshall College  
of Law
- Commission on Professionalism of the  
Supreme Court of Ohio 2004-2011 (Chair  
2007-2008)
- Claims and Litigation Management  
Alliance (CLM)
- American Bar Association (Lawyers  
Professional Liability Committee)
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys  
(Professional Liability Committee, Chair ,  
2013; Vice-Chair 2012)

#### OTHER

- Top 25 Women Cleveland Super  
Lawyer and Top 50 Women Ohio  
Super Lawyer for 2019
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer  
Review Rated
- 2011-2019 Ohio Super Lawyer,  
2006 Rising Star
- Law Clerk to the Honorable  
Terrance O'Donnell, Ohio Court of  
Appeals, Eighth Appellate District  
(1996-1997)

#### PRACTICE GROUPS

- Professional Liability
- Appellate

#### PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Panelist, "Legal Malpractice vs. Lawyer  
Discipline," Annual Miller-Becker  
Seminar, Ohio State Bar Association,  
October 19, 2018, Columbus, Ohio
- "Attorney Discipline: The process and  
Recent Trends," Cleveland Metropolitan  
Bar Association Women in Law Section,  
April 4, 2018, Cleveland, Ohio
- Panelist: "Don't Let It Be You:  
Professional Conduct for the Modern  
Practitioner," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar

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- Association, December 19, 2017, Cleveland, Ohio
- “IOLTA and Ethical Traps,” Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association New Lawyer Training, December 5, 2017, Cleveland, Ohio
- Panelist, Legal Aid Society Judicial Forum and Practice Update, November 30, 2017, Willoughby, Ohio
- “The Defense of Unclean Hands,” November 2017
- Co-Presenter, “Top 10 Ways to Avoid Malpractice & Discipline: Tips & Discussion of Trends,” Ohio State Bar Association, 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Labor & Employment Seminar, October 13, 2017, Columbus, Ohio
- Panelist, “Ethics CLE Breakout Session,” Ohio State Bar Association’s All-Ohio Legal Forum, August 24, 2017, Cleveland, Ohio
- Panelist, “Case Law Developments,” Spring National Legal Malpractice Conference, American Bar Association, April 20, 2017, Boston, Massachusetts
- “IOLTA and Ethical Traps,” Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association New Lawyer Training, December 6, 2016, Cleveland, Ohio
- “Lawyers Fund for Client Protection,” November 2016
- “Grievance & Discipline in Ohio” and “The Role of the Client Security Fund,” Parma Bar Association/Mayor’s Court Seminar, October 28, 2016, Parma, Ohio
- Co-Panelist, “Identification and Application of Mitigating and Aggravating Factors,” Annual Miller-Becker Seminar, Ohio State Bar Association, October 21, 2016, Columbus, Ohio
- The Top 5 Grievances,” November 2015
- “IOLTA: The Devil Wears Green,” Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Small Firm/Solo Expo, September 2015
- “Discipline Guidance for Lawyers: Know the Process and How to Avoid It,” November 2014
- “Attorney Grievance & Discipline Process,” Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Solo Practice Incubator, May 2014
- Ethics Panelist, 20th Conference of the Eighth Judicial District, October 2013
- “The Judiciary Factor: Elections, Bias, Temperament and Their Effect on Claims,” Gallagher Sharp Annual Spring Seminar, May 2013
- Panelist, “Professionalism Panel,” The Responsible Practice of Law for New and Established Attorneys, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, November 2012
- Panelist, Ohio Women’s Bar Association Leadership Institute, October 2012
- Co-Author, “Attorney-Client Privilege in the Tech Age: How to Ensure Your Multimedia Communications are Protected,” Lawyers’ Professional Liability Update, *LawyerCare*, Vol. 12, No. 2, Summer/Fall 2012
- Co-Author, “The Malpractice Claim: What to Do and Where to Turn When You Face the Moment All Attorneys Dread,” *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal*, Vol. 4, No. 1, pp. 38-39, July/August 2011
- “The Legal Malpractice Trifecta by the Supreme Court of Ohio,” *OACTA Quarterly Review*, Spring 2010
- “Legal Malpractice in Ohio: A New Horizon?,” *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal*, Vol. 1, No. 8, November 2008
- “The Tripartite Relationship: Ethical Considerations and the Insured Client’s Rights,” Gallagher Sharp Annual Spring Seminar, 2009
- “Recent Significant Decisions and Their Impact on Professionalism,” Ethics, Professionalism & Substance Abuse, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, November 2008
- The Underlying File: The First Line of Defense – Disciplinary Rules & Ethical Considerations