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Practice Areas: Transportation | Product Liability

A lawyer at Gallagher Sharp since 1980 and a Partner since 1987, Mr. Pappalardo is a trial attorney who represents public and private companies, insurance carriers, and individuals in cases involving personal injury, wrongful death, employer intentional torts, industrial accidents, cargo, and property damage. He has litigated and tried cases in a wide variety of industries, including trucking, automobile, motorcycles, hand and power tools, aviation and automatic pedestrian doors. He concentrates his practice on trucking, motor coach, aviation and product liability matters.

Bar Admissions

- 1980, Ohio
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Organizations

- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM) (Co-Dean, CLM Claims College School of Transportation; Co-Chair, Transportation Committee)
- Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA) General Counsel (2009-2013), Board of Directors (2004-2013)
- Trucking Defense Advocacy Council (TDAC) (Inaugural Member)
- Ohio Trucking Association (Legislative Committee)
- Judicial Conference of the Eighth Judicial District (Life Member)
- Judge John M. Manos American Inn of Court (Master Bencher)
- Federal Bar Association
- Ohio Bar Association
- Cuyahoga Community College Truck Driving Academy (Advisory Board)

Education

- Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University (J.D., 1980)
- Case Western Reserve University (B.A., summa cum laude, 1977)
- Fraternities: Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Alpha Delta

Certifications

- Certified Claims Professional – Transportation (CCP)
- Advanced Claims Professional (ACP)
- Certified Litigation Management Professional (CLMP)

Honors

- 2018 John T. Biezup Memorial Service Award, Trucking Industry Defense Association
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rated
- Best Lawyers in America®, 2021, 2018 and 2016 Cleveland Transportation Law Lawyer of the Year
- Listed, Best Lawyers in America®, Transportation Law, 2015-2026 Editions
- Outstanding Lawyers of America
- Ohio Super Lawyers, Transportation, 2004-2025

Professional Memberships

- ClaimsXchange (Former Co-Provost, Claims Academy School of Transportation)
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM) (former Co-Dean, CLM Claims College School of Transportation; former Co-Chair, Transportation Committee)
- Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA) General Counsel (2009-2013), Board of Directors (2004-2013)
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- Judge John M. Manos American Inn of Court (Master Benchers)
- Federal Bar Association
- Ohio Bar Association

Professional Boards

- Executive Board Member, Themis Advocates Group
- Cuyahoga Community College Truck Driving Academy Advisory Board