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Practice Areas: Appellate | Insurance | Business and Employment

Rich is a Partner and Gallagher Sharp's Appellate Practice Group Manager. He focuses his practice on complex civil litigation and class actions, including defending insurance carriers against claims alleging bad faith, unfair claims practices, and breach of contract. His experience encompasses all facets of motion practice, post-trial proceedings, and appeals at the state and federal levels. In addition, Rich is a recognized Ohio Super Lawyer, Best Lawyers in America for Insurance Law, and a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rated attorney.

Bar Admissions

- 1999, Ohio
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Federal Claims
- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

Organizations

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Education

- **Case Western Reserve University School of Law** (J.D., magna cum laude, 1999)
- The Order of the Coif
- **State University of New York College at Oneonta** (B.A., magna cum laude, 1996)
- **Harvard University Ukrainian Research Institute** (1995)

Honors

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rated
- Listed, Best Lawyers in America®, Insurance Law, 2018-2024 editions
- Ohio Super Lawyers 2015-2025, Rising Star 2009-2014

Community

- Judicial Attorney for the Honorable William G. Batchelder, Presiding Judge, Ohio Court of Appeals, Ninth Appellate District
- Legal Intern for the Honorable Bohdan A. Futey, United States Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C.
- Sons of the American Revolution, Western Reserve Society, Trustee (2012), Second Vice President (2013-2014), Registrar (2015- present)
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- General Society of the War of 1812
- General Society of the Mayflower Descendants

Publications and Presentations

- Presenter, "Appellate Year in Review," Ohio State Bar Association Quick Webcast, February 25, 2021
- "Amendments to the Ohio Rules of Appellate Procedure," November 2021
- Presenter, "Declaratory Judgments and Intervention," Insurance Law Seminar, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, September 22, 2020
- Co-Presenter, "Emerging Coverage Issues," Northeast Ohio RIMS August Virtual Meeting, August 17, 2020
- Co-Author, "Finding Coverage Where Once Was None," CLM Magazine, pp. 20-23, April 2020
- Co-Presenter, "A Primer on Class Actions and Mass Torts," Cleveland Chapter of the CPCU Society, Independence, Ohio, September 19, 2019
- Co-Presenter, "Successfully Preparing an Appeal Begins in the Trial Court: How Not to Strikeout," CLM Northeast Ohio Chapter Education and Networking Event, Cleveland, Ohio, August 13, 2019
- Co-Author, "The Ohio Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act: Guidance for the Claims and Litigation Process," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal, pp. 14-15, February 2019
- "Determining the Available Insurance Coverage Limits: Number of Occurrences," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal, pp. 32-33, February 2017
- "Current Coverage Issues and Disputes in Long-Tail Claims," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal, pp. 21-23, February 2016
- "Determining Priority of Insurance Coverage – A Step-By-Step Guide," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal, Vol. 6, No. 7, pp. 22-24, February 2014
- "Determining Whether to Intervene or File a Declaratory Judgment: A Comparative Analysis," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal, Vol. 5, No. 7, pp. 9-11, February 2013
- "Anatomy of a Complex CGL Claim, Declaratory Judgments & Intervention," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, November 2, 2012
- "Think Before Seeking a Leave to Amend," Ohio Lawyer, September/October 2006, pp. 16-20
- "The Ukrainian Constitution: Interpretation of the Citizens' Rights Provisions," 31 Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law 169 (1999)