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Tom Cabral is the General Litigation Practice Group Manager and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. After serving as a Navy judge advocate, Tom entered private practice and ultimately joined Gallagher Sharp in 1990. He has accumulated more than 30 years of experience representing corporations, insurers and individuals throughout Ohio. His extensive experience encompasses a wide variety of personal injury and property damage litigation.

Tom's approach to litigation, claims investigation, and defense stresses commitment to client service and dispute resolution, with a strong focus on achieving desired outcomes. He is actively engaged in defending complex and large loss claims including motor vehicle, premises, fire and explosion, and telecommunications matters. As a senior partner and practice group manager, Tom works diligently to ensure the quality of legal work produced by his team, offering a cohesive client experience.

Practice Areas

- General Litigation
- Insurance
- Product Liability

Bar Admissions

- 1986, Ohio
- 2015, Michigan
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Education

- **University of Akron School of Law** (J.D., 1985)
President, International Law Society (1984-1985)
- **Walsh University** (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1982)

Honors & Recognition

- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation – Insurance, 2024 Edition
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rated

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Other

- Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corp., United States Navy (1986-1989)

Professional Memberships

- National Retail and Restaurant Defense Association (NRRDA)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM) (Premises Liability Committee)
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Publications & Presentations

- Co-Presenter, "Bed Bugs, Firearms, Security Breach Issues, Oh My! Premises Liability Issues Beyond Slip and Fall," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's 42nd Annual Real Estate Law Institute, November 6, 2020
- Co-Author, "Restaurant Industry's Temporary Transition to Take-Out Delivery Business Creates Liability Concerns," *National Retail & Restaurant Defense Association (NRRDA) E-Newsletter*, May 18, 2020
- Panelist, "What's It Worth? Case Evaluation from the Defense Attorney, Plaintiff Attorney, and Claims Professionals Perspectives," Gallagher Sharp Annual Spring Seminar, May 2014
- Co-Presenter, "Put Down that Drink, Get Out and Shovel, and Muzzle Your Mutt: Special Issues in Premises Liability," Gallagher Sharp Annual Spring Seminar, April 2012
- "Premises Liability: Property Owners and the Conduct of Third Parties," Gallagher Sharp Annual Spring Seminar, June 2009

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