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Professional Experience

Jay Carson represents companies in commercial litigation including contractual disputes, competition law, and consumer claims in state and federal court. Jay served as a legislative aide to the Ohio General Assembly, a law clerk to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and a Common Pleas Court Magistrate. He draws on those experiences while advocating for clients and helping guide businesses through Ohio's regulatory requirements.

Jay has successfully defended and prosecuted cases for companies including:

- Successfully enforcing a non-competition agreement in the European Union (EU) through international arbitration before the International Chamber of Commerce
- Obtaining a favorable settlement for a nonprofit healthcare client resulting from losses incurred due to the breach of a funding agreement
- Obtaining summary judgment in favor of a national lender in a complex class action suit
- Assisting a major health insurance company recover substantial reimbursements
- Successfully defending a frivolous breach of contract suit leading to a defense verdict with an award of attorney fees
- Obtaining the reversal of a six figure punitive damages award for a large national insurer in federal appellate court

Jay is active in his community, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, and the Northern District of Ohio Chapter of the Federal Bar Foundation. Jay has also served on the Lakewood Civil Service Commission, the Lakewood Charter Review Commission, and the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Investment Board. He currently serves on the board of the North Coast Health Foundation and the Board of Three Arches Foundation.

Practice Areas

- Litigation

Admissions

- State of Ohio, 1997
- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, 2001
- United States Court, Southern District of Ohio, 2002
- United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 2001
- United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, 2014
- United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, 2017
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York, 2017
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, 2018

Memberships/Honors/Awards

- Life Member, Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- City Club of Cleveland – Young Leaders
- Ohio Law and Politics “Rising Star” 2009
- Board Member, North Coast Health Ministry

Education

- J.D., The Ohio State University College of Law, 1997
- B.A., Baldwin-Wallace College, 1992, Magna Cum Laude