



Aaron M. Shank

Aaron concentrates his practice on complex commercial disputes, e-discovery matters, and litigation at all levels of Ohio courts and in federal district and appellate courts.

Aaron assists commercial enterprises, public utilities, and professional organizations on developing strategies to resolve complex litigation disputes, and has particular experience with managing complex electronically-stored information (ESI) matters.

Aaron devotes a significant portion of his practice to counseling entities in the wireless industry. He regularly advises wireless telecommunications carriers and related construction enterprises on matters of wireless infrastructure network and facility deployment of legacy and state-of-the-art mobile technologies nationwide, including 4G and 5G upgrades using macro, distributed antenna system (DAS), micro and small cell technologies. Aaron's wireless practice focuses on initiatives to improve wireless voice, video and data services that drive e-commerce and urban connectivity by teaming with radio frequency engineers, real estate professionals and external relations personnel to develop and implement legal and business strategies from entitlement proceedings to breaking ground on new wireless infrastructure. This work involves administrative permitting proceedings, zoning and rights-of-way disputes, and related litigation in federal courts arising under applicable federal laws, including the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 6409 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, and FCC shot clock and spectrum rulings and regulations. In connection with the deployment of small cell wireless technology, Aaron prepares, analyzes, and negotiates attachment and use agreements on behalf of wireless telecommunications carriers to obtain access to the facilities of municipalities and utility providers throughout the country.

Aaron also advises clients in commercial transportation defense, including trucking litigation, government and regulatory affairs, and

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Moritz
College of Law, J.D., 1998

Radford University, M.A., 1995

Wittenberg University, B.A., 1993

SERVICES

Litigation

- E-Discovery
- Transportation and logistics
- Commercial litigation

Energy

- Oil and gas
- Utility regulation

Wireless & Telecommunications



the resolution of disputes common in the transportation and logistics industry.

Representative Matters

- Represents national telecommunications and video provider with disputes and regulatory matters throughout the United States, including proceedings regarding deployment of wireless services and access to Internet Protocol video and related programming issues.
- Serves in pivotal role as project management contact in a case involving national telecommunications and video provider. Provides ongoing process and system analysis, legal review and management of legal team.
- Represented consumer electronics manufacturer in complex arbitration over termination of contract with reverse logistics vendor.
- Played a primary role in representing the Columbus Bar Association in its prosecution of American Family Prepaid Legal Plan, a national “trust mill,” before the Supreme Court of Ohio’s Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law. After several years of hard work, the Supreme Court of Ohio imposed more than \$6.4 million in penalties against one of the largest trust mill schemes in the nation, the largest-ever award in such a case in Ohio.
- Assisted several national electric utilities in their defense of major environmental enforcement actions brought by the U.S. EPA and several Northeastern states under the Clean Air Act.
- Managed complex e-discovery matter involving efficient in-house analysis of more than a terabyte of ESI, including substantial Japanese content.

Bar Admissions

Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Honors | Awards

- *Ohio Super Lawyers*® – Rising Stars Edition, 2009

Community

- Technology for the Poor, Director
- Pro bono Tenants’ Advocacy Project
- Interfaith Legal Services Clinic

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Columbus Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association, *Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee*
- American Bar Association