



Alvin J. McKenna

counsel to the firm

Al's legal career has been related substantially to matters of a trial and appellate litigation nature with the majority of that work involving matters in the federal judicial system and labor and employment matters. His private practice work, following a clerkship with one of the United States District Judges for the Southern District of Ohio and as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, has involved predominantly civil litigation and appeals, with some periodic involvement in criminal law matters either through the representation of private clients or court appointed representation.

Al has served as a delegate to and is a Life Member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference. His litigation work has included matters related to labor and employment issues, federal and state government regulation, constitutional issues, antitrust, fraud, commercial controversies and tort and general litigation cases.

His representation in these various matters has led to several precedent setting decisions and has involved appearances on a regular basis in federal and state trial and appellate courts and before federal and state administrative agencies in Ohio, West Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia. In addition to the litigation aspect, his practice has involved counseling clients, negotiation of complex agreements, and the submission of "comments" and proposals on behalf of clients on various proposed regulations and rules of practice and procedure for federal and state administrative agencies.

Al served as special counsel for the Governor and the majority leaders of the Ohio House and Ohio Senate (who had a different political party affiliation from each other) in multicase challenges to the holding of the 1982 primary and general elections for Congressional seats under the revised Ohio statute specifying the Congressional district boundaries after the 1980 decennial census.

Al has been selected, by joint management and union agreement, to serve as an arbitrator in labor contract interpretation matters and has been an editorial contributor to Elkouri & Elkouri's *How Arbitration Works*. He also has been selected to serve as a continuing member of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution's "Panel of Distinguished Neutrals" and has been

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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame Law
School, J.D., 1966

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SERVICES

Litigation

- Commercial litigation
- Securities litigation
- Arbitration and mediation

Labor & Employment

- Employment litigation
- Class and collective actions
- NLRB and other unfair labor practices representation
- Employment law compliance counseling
- Reductions-in-force and restructuring
- State and federal workplace safety and health
- Recruiting, hiring and training
- Public sector collective bargaining

listed 25 consecutive years in *Best Lawyers*[®]. He was named the *Best Lawyers*[®] 2014 Columbus, Ohio Employment Law – Management “Lawyer of the Year” and was recognized as a “Client Service All-Star” in a survey conducted by the BTI Consulting Group of Wellesley, Massachusetts. He is recognized by *Ohio Super Lawyers*[®] and has lectured and given seminar presentations and training programs nationally in the areas of federal practice and procedure, federal litigation, general civil litigation, labor and employment law, and law firm management and economics topics. Furthermore, Al served as the firm's first managing partner from 1988 to 1996.

Al serves by appointment from the President of the University as a member of the Advisory Council of the University of Notre Dame Law School.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- Supreme Court of the United States

PRESENTATIONS

- “Federal Practice and Procedure,” Columbus Bar Association, semi-annual seminar and bar review course
- Lectures and gives seminar presentations nationally on law firm business management, administration and economics

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Columbus Bar Foundation
- Federal Bar Association, Columbus Chapter, President, 1974
- Columbus Bar Association, Federal Courts Committee, Chair, 1972, 1973

HONORS | AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers*[®], Columbus, Ohio Employment Law – Management, “Lawyer of the Year,” 2014
- *Best Lawyers*[®], Employment Law – Management and Labor Law – Management
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*[®]
- *American Lawyer Media* and Martindale Hubbell[®], AV Preeminent, “Top Rated Midwest Lawyer”
- Client Service All-Star, BTI Consulting Group

COMMUNITY

- Notre Dame Chapter of the Black Law Student Association Alumni Committee, Chair
- Gahanna Charter Review Commission, Chairperson, 1981, 2006
- Catholic Social Services, Board of Trustees, 1995-2003
- Gahanna Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, Board of Trustees, 1986-2019, past President

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Securities

- Securities litigation

Environmental

- The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Bar Examination and Attorney Admission Committee, 1981-2004, 1973-1976
- The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Revision of the Rules of Practice Committee, Chairperson, 1980-1981, 1973-1974
- The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Semi-annual Settlement Week program, Court-designated Mediator
- Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 1993-1997
- United Way of Franklin County, Legal Division, Co-Chair, 1995
- Gahanna City Council, 1972-1980 (elected for two four-year terms and did not seek re-election); 1982-1984 (appointed to fill a vacancy); President, 1973; Chairperson of each Committee of Council, Council Representative to the Gahanna Jefferson School Board; Gahanna Community Improvement Corporation, Trustee (during tenure on Council)
- City of Gahanna, Mayor's Advisory Council on Capital Improvements, Chairperson, 1980-1982
- Gahanna Community Action Program, Executive Committee
- Gahanna Jefferson City School District, Planning Committee, Executive Committee
- Gahanna Jefferson City School District Parent Teacher Associations, 1969
- The Goshen Lane Parent Teacher Association, President (two years)
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Ohio, Big Brother
- Ohio Mock Trial Program, Judge
- Regional Moot Court Competition, Judge