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PARTNER

Cincinnati

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Practice Areas

Appellate Practice

Data Strategy, Privacy and Security

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Government Relations

Litigation and Appeals

Mass / Toxic Tort and Product Liability Litigation

Securities, Shareholder Disputes and Corporate Governance

Education

University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2006, Order of the Coif

University of Cincinnati Law Review, Associate Member, 2004-2005, Articles Editor, 2005-2006

Xavier University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2000

Jake is a partner in the Cincinnati office and a member of the litigation group. Jake's practice focuses on counseling publicly- and privately-held clients in difficult situations, including (when necessary) complex commercial litigation. Jake's focus is in counseling and representing entities and individuals in fiduciary disputes, including shareholder derivative actions and corporate governance issues; counseling and representing clients in regulatory actions and governmental investigations, including health care providers, hospitals and physicians facing claims under the False Claims Act, the Stark Law and the Anti-Kickback Statute; and in counseling clients regarding privacy, data compliance issues, incident response planning and data breach litigation.

Notable experience includes:

- Representing a large, closely-held food manufacturer in claims for breach of fiduciary duty
- Representing the outside directors of a large manufacturer in an adversary proceeding in bankruptcy asserting claims for breach of fiduciary duty
- Obtaining dismissal of minority shareholder oppression and fiduciary duty claims in a closely-held corporation
- Obtaining judgment on fiduciary claims seeking to recover \$800 million dollars from a corporate trustee
- Conducting independent investigations for clients regarding regulatory compliance and potential litigation
- Successfully representing clients in regulatory, investigative, and False Claims actions involving the Department of Defense, Department of Justice, Department of Energy, and Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Representing retail and banking clients in a variety of class action and data breach litigation
- Obtaining trial verdicts in excess of \$1 million

Bar & Court Admissions

Ohio

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

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

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Admitted to practice law only in the states listed above.

Industries

Construction

- Representing multiple defendants in multi-district patent litigation spanning 200 defendants and more than 50 patents

Jake is a member of the Cincinnati Bar Association, where he has previously served as chair of the Admissions Committee, and where he has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2020. Jake is currently the treasurer of the Cincinnati Bar Association, a role he assumed in 2021. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Hamilton County Democratic Party, as well as the party's Judicial Committee. He has served on the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati Law Alumni Association since 2009.

Jake received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from Xavier University. He received his J.D. *summa cum laude* from the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif, as well as an associate member and articles editor for the *University of Cincinnati Law Review*.

Honors & Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation, 2024–2026; Litigation – Trusts and Estates, 2024–2026

Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars, Appellate, 2009-2010; Business Litigation, 2011-2013, 2015-2018

Leo J. Breslin Memorial Scholarship, 2003-2004

Leading Lawyer in Business Litigation, *Cincy Magazine*, 2019-2024

Professional and Community Activities

University of Cincinnati College of Law Alumni Association, Board of Trustees, Member

Cincinnati Bar Association, Trustee, 2020 to present; Treasurer, 2021 to 2024; Secretary, 2024 to 2025; Vice President, 2025 to present