

# Michael J. Suffern

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## Practices/Industries

- Pharmaceutical, Medical Device & Mass Tort Litigation
- Product Liability
- Complex Business Litigation

## Education

University of Notre Dame  
(B.A., 1984)  
University of Cincinnati  
College of Law  
Loyola University Chicago  
School of Law  
(J.D., *magna cum laude*,  
1990)

## Overview

Michael's primary expertise is defending mass torts and individual cases involving pharmaceutical products, dietary supplements, consumer products, and medical devices. He defends large corporations in state and federal courts throughout the United States in high-profile product liability litigation. He has extensive experience guiding clients through all phases of complex, multidistrict litigation, and statewide coordinated actions. Michael also has wide-ranging general litigation experience, including representing plaintiffs in catastrophic truck and automobile accident cases, defending insurance companies in coverage and bad faith suits, and defending senior living facilities, nursing homes, and car rental companies in injury cases. Michael has been recognized among *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Product Liability Litigation and named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list.

## Experience

- Has defended large corporations in high-profile product liability litigation in state and federal courts throughout the United States.
- Experience managing and litigating mass tort cases involving consumer products and medical devices.
- Litigates a variety of commercial and business disputes involving senior living facilities, nursing homes, car rental companies, partnerships, and contracts.
- Experience in the areas of insurance bad faith and coverage claims.

## Presentations

- "Product Liability Law, Problem Areas and Best Practices," Xavier University (February 2014)
- "Product Liability," Guest Lecturer Xavier University (April 2008)
- "Medical Devices: Law and Policy," Guest Lecturer Xavier University (March 2012)
- "Winning Without Fighting: Not All Disputes Are Created Equal," PriceWaterhouseCoopers General Counsel Forum (August 2007)

## Involvement

### Professional Affiliations

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Cincinnati Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute

### Firm Involvement

- Ethics Committee

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## Honors & Distinctions

- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2007-2021)
- Designated *Best Lawyers* Product Liability Litigation – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year” in Cincinnati (2016)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list (2012-2020)
- Named a Cincy Leading Lawyer in Class Action/Product Liability in a survey of lawyers by Cincy Magazine (2011-2019)

## Admissions

- State of Illinois
- State of Ohio
- U.S. Supreme Court
- Commonwealth of Kentucky
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas