



## Christopher J. Caryl

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Chris Caryl represents clients in products liability, mass tort litigation, and commercial disputes in courts across the United States.

His litigation and trial experience includes asbestos, product liability, and fire subrogation, and he has tried several cases to verdict. Chris currently serves as national coordinating counsel for several corporations in asbestos litigation. He has written and argued appeals on Ohio's Asbestos Tort Reform, personal jurisdiction, and other issues.

In law school, Chris was an editor of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law *Journal of Law and Health*. His law note, "Malpractice and the Other Legal Issues Preventing the Development of Telemedicine," has been referenced by numerous publications since it was published in 1998.

A believer in giving back to the community, Chris has built homes with Habitat for Humanity, represented indigent clients for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, and is the partner in charge of the Tucker Ellis Pro Bono program. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife and children, as well as running and hiking.

### Education

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- Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1998); Editor, *Journal of Law & Health*
- Muhlenberg College (B.A., cum laude, 1993)

### State Admissions

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- Ohio, 1998
- Pennsylvania, 2007

### Federal Admissions

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- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio

### **Service Areas**

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- Mass Tort & Product Liability
- Business Litigation

### **Industries Represented**

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- Banks
- Chemical
- Consumer Products
- Hospitals
- Legal Services (Law Firms)
- Machinery Manufacturing
- Medical Devices
- Medical Professionals (Doctors & Nurses)
- Pharmaceutical & Medicine
- Spectator Sports
- Transportation Equipment
- Utilities

### **Experience**

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- Obtained favorable settlement for client facing multimillion-dollar default judgment based on personal jurisdiction defense
- Obtained summary judgment for equipment manufacturer in fire subrogation matter with damages in excess of \$30 million
- Obtained summary judgment on punitive damages for manufacturer of asbestos-containing products in Ohio
- Obtained defense verdict for manufacturer of automotive brake products following 3-week jury trial in take home/secondary exposure case
- Obtained summary judgment for automotive brake products manufacturer in case with undisputed product identification based on lack of exposure
- Successfully argued before Court of Appeals in affirming summary judgment for large equipment manufacturer in paralysis case involving a 20-year-old plaintiff
- Obtained summary judgment for client in asbestos litigation based on sophisticated purchaser defense
- Obtained summary judgment for client in asbestos litigation based on successor liability in numerous states

## **Publications & Events**

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### **PUBLICATIONS**

- “Distinguishing the Sophisticated User from the Sophisticated Intermediary Defense,” *Inter Alia* (February 2011)
- “Mining for Metadata: Is It Ethical to Search for Information Protected by the Attorney-Client Privilege?,” *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (June 2008)
- “A Lawyer’s Notary Responsibilities: Pay Attention to the Details and Avoid the Cavalier Attitude,” *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (2006)

### **Honors**

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- Access to Justice Award, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (2015)

### **In the Community**

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- Defense Research Institute
- American Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Ethics Committee
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Habitat for Humanity
- Mayfield Soccer Club
- Tucker Ellis Pro Bono Program, Partner in Charge