

## John K. Nelson

OF COUNSEL

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Corporate and individual clients draw on John's more than three decades of experience handling civil litigation in federal and state courts, both at the trial and appellate levels. He has significant experience representing clients in a wide array of litigation matters involving complex commercial issues, contract issues, tort claims, and insurance coverage disputes. John also serves as national coordinating counsel for certain pattern tort litigation for a large corporate client, directing the efforts to secure insurance recovery and contractual indemnity for those cases.

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John focuses his practice on representing and counseling clients on matters concerning insurance coverage for a variety of claims and losses under comprehensive general liability policies, errors and omissions policies, employers' liability policies, directors and officers policies, cyber insurance policies, and other commercial policies. John's experience also includes:

- Serving as counsel for corporate policyholders in significant insurance coverage cases, including cases presenting successor insurance issues arising out of mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures
- Managing the implementation of insurance settlements and claims handling agreements for pattern tort litigation nationwide, working with both the corporate policyholders

and insurance carriers in the process, including the review and analysis of insurance policy forms in the context of IRS challenges to captive insurance programs

- Pursuing and defending contractual indemnity claims, including claims arising from historical merger, asset acquisition, or divestiture transactions; this includes analyzing the corporate transactions to ascertain the rights and liabilities of the parties and to determine their respective responsibilities for legacy liabilities of the acquired or sold company, including long-tail liabilities such as asbestos liabilities and environmental liabilities
- On the transactional side, advising clients on drafting and interpreting indemnity agreements, releases, and insurance requirements in contracts

John served as a law clerk to the Honorable Don J. Young, United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, from 1979 to 1981. His hobbies include photography and golf at the historic Inverness Club in Toledo.

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Ohio, 1979

United States Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Toledo Bar Association
  - Federal Court Committee
  - Common Pleas Court Committee
  - Court of Appeals Committee
  - Professionalism Committee
  - Technology Committee
  - Former member of the Certified Grievance Committee
- Rotary Club of Toledo
- Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio, President (2012, 2013)

## HONORS

- AV<sup>®</sup> Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, and Litigation – Mergers and Acquisitions, 2008-2026
- Best Lawyers “Toledo Insurance Law Lawyer of the Year,” 2019, 2024
- Ohio Super Lawyer by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2018-2019

## SERVICE LINE

Insurance Recovery  
Litigation & Disputes

## INDUSTRY SECTOR

Financial Institutions &  
Insurance  
Health Care  
Hospitality, Leisure & Sports  
Manufacturing  
Real Estate, Construction &  
Development

## PRIMARY LOCATION

Toledo, OH

## EDUCATION

J.D., *magna cum laude*,

*The University of Toledo Law  
Review*

, The University of Toledo  
College of Law, 1979

B.A., *cum laude*, Miami  
University, 1976