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As a trial attorney who has served as a State Senator and the Chairman of the Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee, the chairman of the board of a major health care company, and the chairman of a major urban political party, Mark is sought as a trusted advisor and advocate on a variety of bet the company matters. Among other distinctions, *Lawdragon* recently named Mark as one of the 500 Global Leaders in Crisis Management, and *Best Lawyers in America* has twice recognized him as Ohio Appellate Lawyer of the Year. He has handled a long list of high stakes matters for Fortune 500 companies, CEOs, Ohio Governors, and as lead trial counsel for the State of Ohio for some of its most significant constitutional cases. A talented communicator, Mark is a rare attorney who equally excels in the courtroom, the boardroom, and the public forum.

As a former chairman of the Antitrust Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association and recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* for antitrust law, Mark has a national antitrust practice litigating complex civil and criminal matters and consulting on compliance matters. Mark also has substantive experience with shareholder control disputes and complex business litigation, including class actions. His record of success in high-stakes jury trials includes:

- Securing not guilty verdicts for the lead defendant against

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felony charges brought by the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division alleging bid rigging and price fixing in U.S. Army contracts. Press accounts referred to his closing argument as a "tour de force" and the "final nail in the coffin" of the prosecution's case

- Being recognized as one of Ohio's top constitutional litigators, with the distinction of representing the Governor of Ohio, the Ohio Secretary of State, the President of the Ohio Senate, and a former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives in federal and state courts
- Being recognized as Appellate Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers in America* in 2021 when he was part of a team that reversed a preliminary injunction in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in a decision now widely cited on the duty to deal with competitors under antitrust laws.

Mark is the founder of Shumaker Advisors, the firm's multistate and federal government affairs practice, and serves as Chairman of Shumaker Advisors Ohio. He has extensive public policy experience, from drafting major pieces of legislation, including the creation of Ohio's economic development agency JobsOhio, to chairing major statewide efforts such as the Ohio Military Facilities Commission, National Statuary Hall Commission, and the Ohio General Assembly Auto Revitalization Task Force. He also served as one of 20 public members of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission and as one of the State of Ohio's 18 Presidential Electors in the Electoral College. The Governor of Ohio has named Mark an Ohio Commodore.

U.S. Senators Rob Portman and Sherrod Brown appointed Mark to serve as a member of the Bipartisan Judicial Advisory Commission to assist in filling vacancies on the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Northern Districts of Ohio. The Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit appointed Mark as one of the three Ohio designates to the Life Member Committee to the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio appointed Mark to a special committee to address reforming state judicial elections. He is a former board member of the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation. Mark has also been engaged in the community, including serving on the boards of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museum, National Museum of the Great Lakes, the Ottawa Hills School Foundation, and the Culver Academies Parent Association Board.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Ohio, 1997

Michigan, 1998

Hospitality, Leisure & Sports Manufacturing
Public Sector
Real Estate, Construction & Development
Transportation & Logistics

PRIMARY LOCATION

Toledo, OH
Columbus, OH
Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION

J.D., with honors, Articles Editor *The Ohio State Law Journal*, 1996-97, President, Student Bar Association, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, 1997

B.A., *cum laude*, Georgetown University, 1994

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio

United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio

United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

United States District Court, Western District of Michigan

United States District Court, Northern District of Indiana

United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Paramount Health Care Board of Directors, Chairman
- Toledo Bar Association
- Ohio Bar Association
- American Bar Association

HONORS

- AV® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2013-2026
- Best Lawyers, "Toledo Appellate Practice Lawyer of the Year," 2022, 2026
- Ohio Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2005-2006, 2010-2011
- *Toledo Business Journal*, "Who's Who in Toledo Area Law"
- Toledo Bar Association, "Pro Bono Service Award"
- The Ohio State University College of Law, "Outstanding Alumni Award," 2006
- Ohio Association of Justice "Legislator of the Year"
- Council of State Government, *Toll Fellowship*
- Ohio Nurses Association "Legislator of the Year"
- Ohio Convention and Visitors Bureau's "Legislator of the Year"
- Lifeline of Ohio "Legacy Award"