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- Education: Harvard College, A.B.
Ohio State University, J.D., Order of the Coif, Editor-in Chief,
Ohio State Law Journal
- Law Practice 1995 – present, partner, Spieth, Bell, McCurdy & Newell, Co., L.P.A.,
Cleveland, Ohio
Formerly, partner, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cleveland, Ohio
- Areas of Law Practice: For over thirty-five years, estate and trust planning, including planning and preparation of wills and trust agreements; family business planning, with special reference to succession of ownership; administration of trusts and estates; preparation of estate tax, gift tax and income tax returns for individuals, estates and trusts; estate investment performance analysis; and expert witness in trust and estate matters
- Expert Witness: Many engagements as expert witness in trust and estate matters, including conflicts of interest among multiple clients, legal malpractice in estate planning, trustee distribution issues, and trustee investment diversification such as the Ruth Lilly Charitable Trust litigation described at:
<http://www.in.gov/judiciary/opinions/pdf/10190602jgb.pdf>
- Directorships: Numerous for profit and non-profit boards, including Union Club Foundation, National Machinery Company, City Club of Cleveland Foundation, Cuyahoga County Library Foundation, Bluecoats of Cleveland, Cleveland Botanical Garden and Cleveland International Piano Competition.
- Professional Orgs: American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Fellow, 1986 – present,
Regent, 1992 - 1998
Advisory Committee, U. of Miami Estate Planning Institute, 1992 – present
- Recognitions: Who's Who in American Law and Best Lawyers in America (over 20 years)
Ohio Super Lawyer – five consecutive years, variously in top 10, top 50, and top 100.
- Bar Admissions: United States Supreme Court
State of Ohio (Certified Specialist in Estate Planning and Probate)
State of Florida (Board Certified Estate Planning and Probate Lawyer emeritus)
U. S. District Court (N.D. Ohio)
U. S. Tax Court
- Bar Memberships: American, Ohio, Florida and Cleveland Bar Associations
- Awards: Estate Planner of the Year 2002, Estate Planning Council, Cleveland

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