

LITIGATION



Cohen Todd Kite & Stanford's Litigation Practice Group has one goal: to obtain the best result for our clients in the most efficient and cost-effective way possible. Because our attorneys recognize that litigation is expensive and time consuming, we focus on strategies that will resolve disputes expeditiously and serve the client's best interests. Our attorneys are skilled in obtaining positive

resolution of disputes through negotiated agreements, arbitration, and mediation.

Where trial is inevitable, we rely on our depth of experience in both complex litigation and simple disputes to aggressively represent the client's interest throughout discovery, trial and the appeals process. Our Group members routinely represent both individual and commercial clients locally, regionally and nationwide in state and federal courts.

Consistent with Cohen Todd Kite & Stanford's client-centered focus, we work with the client to develop and implement litigation strategy that is both appropriate for the particular dispute and acceptable to the client.

Litigation Expertise Across the Spectrum of Legal Disputes

Cohen Todd Kite & Stanford's Litigation Group members have extensive experience in handling a wide variety of legal areas and disputes. These include: contract issues, complex financial and business disputes, employment and civil rights matters, intellectual property litigation, probate litigation, commercial disputes (e.g., banking, construction, real estate), personal injury, products liability, and professional malpractice. In addition to expertise in these general litigation needs of clients, our firm also has a strong contingent of attorneys highly experienced in other specialized areas of litigation including bankruptcy, criminal defense (including juvenile law), collection services, family law, tax, as well as municipal and government law-related disputes. In complex cases which may encompass multiple legal areas, we use an inter-disciplinary approach that draws on the expertise of our attorneys best suited to the particular issues involved so as to achieve the best result in the most efficient way for the client.

Litigation Practice Group:

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BUSINESS & COMPLEX LITIGATION

The Litigation Group attorneys have a wealth of experience handling trials, appeals, arbitrations, and ADR matters for clients involved in all manner of business disputes and complex litigation matters. Our litigators are innovative, highly skilled, and attentive to the unique needs of our business clients. We recognize that litigation can be an expensive diversion from our client's core business objectives and, therefore, work collaboratively with our clients to develop reasonable budgets, which we respect. We also work aggressively to achieve the client's objectives as quickly as possible so that they can return their focus to running their business.

The members of our Business Litigation Group have enjoyed notable success in litigating a wide range of business disputes including matters involving the following substantive areas of law:

Banking	Bankruptcy	Creditors' Rights
Class Actions	Construction	Contract Disputes
Copyright Infringement	Development	Employment
ERISA	Fiduciary Services	Malpractice
Patent Infringement	Probate	Product Liability
Real Estate	Securities	Shareholder Issues
Trade Secrets		

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JUVENILE LAW

Misconduct that might have once been considered youthful mischief now often constitutes criminal behavior, with consequences that can affect the juvenile's life and path for years. Our Criminal Defense Group has a lengthy and strong record in representing juveniles before both the juvenile and adult court systems in cases that range from serious criminal charges to minor infractions of traffic laws. We understand the Juvenile Court system, so we can efficiently and effectively lead juveniles and their parents through proceedings with to achieve the best outcome for our clients.

Juvenile Law Practice Group:

John L. O'Shea

TRIALS & APPEALS

Trial Practice

Our litigation attorneys are recognized for their aggressive and efficient trial work on behalf of our clients. We regularly appear in state and federal trial courts in Ohio and Kentucky, as well as other jurisdictions around the country. Our trial attorneys also effectively represent clients in arbitration proceedings. Whether the matter involves a jury trial, bench trial, or arbitration, our litigators have the experience and knowledge to handle the full range of issues that businesses or individuals confront.

Appellate Practice

An integral part of our litigation strategy from the outset is to position our case and client, so that in the event of appeal, we are able to aggressively and fully assert our client's rights and interests. Our Litigation Practice Group has a strong record of success in appearances before appellate courts, both state and federal. In particular, our attorneys appear before state appellate courts throughout Ohio and Kentucky, and before the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

Trials & Appeals Practice Group:

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