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Speaker Bio – Frank Ray

Frank A. Ray, Esq.

Frank A. Ray Co., LPA

For four of the last eight years, Super Lawyers magazine ranked Frank A. Ray of Columbus, Ohio, as the number one lawyer in the state of Ohio. He is now in his 51st year as an attorney.

During the first 41 years of his legal career, Mr. Ray practiced as a litigator in cases involving a broad spectrum of legal matters. He performed as lead counsel in more than 150 trials in state and federal courts throughout the nation.

After service on active duty in the U. S. Army as an Infantry Officer, in 1973, Mr. Ray began his professional career as an Assistant Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney assigned to the Criminal Division. As a prosecutor, he focused on white collar crime and governmental corruption investigation and prosecution. In 1975, he accepted a one-year appointment as Executive Director of the Economic Crime Project of the National District Attorneys Association in Washington, D. C. Funded by the U. S. Department of Justice, the Economic Crime Project was composed of 50 local district and prosecuting attorneys' offices from coast to coast that initiated pilot "economic crime units". In 1976, Mr. Ray returned to Columbus as Chief Civil Counsel for the Office of the Franklin County Prosecutor. Since 1979, Mr. Ray has engaged in the private practice of law, primarily operating as a small firm or solo practitioner.

In 2014, Mr. Ray withdrew from the trial practice and transitioned to full-time service as a private mediator for complex civil disputes. He continues to function professionally as the single lawyer and the owner of Frank A. Ray Co., L.P.A., which Mr. Ray founded in 1982.

Mr. Ray is an inductee into the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Board of Trial Advocates ("ABOTA"), the International Society of Barristers, and the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. He has served as President of the Columbus Bar Association, the Columbus Bar Foundation, the Central Ohio Association for Justice, the Ohio Association for Justice, the Ohio Chapter of ABOTA, and the Columbus Chapter of American Inns of Court.

As an Adjunct Professor at his alma mater, the Moritz College of Law of The Ohio State University, Mr. Ray taught the "Trial Practice" course during the fall semester for nine years. Most recently at OSU Moritz, for two years in the spring semester, Mr. Ray taught a course entitled "Mediation of Complex Commercial Disputes".