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Christopher A. Tipping

Chris is a partner in Stark & Knoll's Litigation & Employment Group. Prior to joining Stark & Knoll on January 1, 2006, Chris was a partner and shareholder in the Akron, Ohio law firm of Tipping Co., L.P.A.

Chris is a *cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, graduate of The George Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1992 and received his Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University Mortiz College of Law in 1995. At Ohio State, he served as Articles Editor of the Ohio State Law Journal and received the American Jurisprudence Award in Civil and Political Law.

Chris maintains a civil litigation practice with principal focus in the areas of business, employment, personal injury, and all facets of insurance defense litigation, including automobile, dealership operations, negligence, construction, medical and nursing home liability, liquor liability, premises liability, insurance coverage, and personal, commercial and products liability defense. Chris has over 15 years experience in litigating cases on behalf of individuals, businesses, and insurance companies and has successfully litigated cases on behalf of his clients in Trial Courts spanning more than ten (10) counties throughout the State of Ohio, the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, The Ohio Court of Claims, Ohio Appellate Courts, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Chris has also authored litigation manuals for practitioners, including, *How to Refute Opposing Expert Testimony and Evidence, Experts and Hearsay in the Courtroom*, for the National Business Institute. He has been a past speaker/presenter at litigation and trial advocacy seminars on topics ranging from evidence law to trial preparation and tactics for the National Business Institute. Chris is a Fellow of the Akron Bar Foundation, Class of 2005, a Member of the Madison Who's Who Executive and Professional Registry and has been selected by his peers as an *Ohio Super Lawyer* – Rising Star in

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Civil Defense Litigation (2009 and 2010), a distinction awarded to less than 3% of Attorneys under the age of 40 in the State of Ohio. In 2011 and 2012, Chris was selected by his peers as an *Ohio Super Lawyer* in the area of Civil Defense Litigation, a distinction awarded to 5% of Attorneys age 40 and over in the State of Ohio.

Active in the community, Chris serves on the Board of Trustees at his *alma mater*, Walsh Jesuit High School, where he is also President of the Alumni Association. Chris also serves as a Member of the City of Fairlawn Real Property Maintenance Board, and was recently appointed by the Mayor of Fairlawn to the City's Community Improvement Corporation which is charged with promoting business and economic development, where Chris serves as Vice President. Chris is also a past Member of the City of Fairlawn Archives and Artifacts Historical Commission and past President of the St. Sebastian Parish Pastoral Council. Chris resides in Fairlawn, Ohio, with his wife, Tricia, and their four children.

Selected Reported Cases: Steiner v. Ganley Toyota-Mercedes Benz (2003), 99 Ohio St. 3d 211; Rigby v. Fallsway Equip. Co. (2002), 150 Ohio App. 3d 155; Sorrell v. Estate of Datko (2001), 147 Ohio App. 3d 319; Brott Mardis & Co. v. Camp (2001), 147 Ohio App. 3d 71; Hitt v. Anthem Ins. Group (2001), 142 Ohio App. 3d 262.

Geographic Scope of Defense Practice: Northern and Central Ohio, spanning more than ten (10) counties including: Ashland, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, and Wayne Counties.

Approved Defense Counsel for: American National Property & Casualty Companies; American Southern Insurance Company; Hastings Mutual Insurance Company; FCCI-Monroe Guaranty Insurance Group; PMA Insurance Group; Sentry Insurance Company; and Unitrin Specialty Insurance Company.

Representative Clients: Ciriello & Carr Funeral Homes, Inc.; Evans Insurance Agency, Inc.; Murdock Industrial, Inc.; Maple Care Center, Ltd.; MLC Builders, Inc.; Regency Seating, Inc.; Pier Associates, Inc.; Summit Data Communications, Inc.

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