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Service Areas

Energy & Environmental Law; Mass Tort & Product Liability; Oil and Gas

Bar Admissions

Supreme Court of the United States

United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio

United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio

District of Columbia

Ohio

Education

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (J.D., 1984)

Kent State University (Master of Education, 1979)

Kent State University (B.S., *cum laude*, 1973)

Bio

Carter E. Strang is a Partner in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis LLP. He has handled a broad range of matters in both state and federal court with a primary focus on environmental, mass tort, and product liability litigation.

He is listed in the 2012 Top Rated Lawyers Guide to Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Law, published in *Corporate Counsel* and the *American Lawyer*.

He maintains an AV Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell National Law Directory, its highest rating based on extensive and confidential peer review of legal ability and ethical standards by members of the bar.

Carter is President-Elect of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA), and is Past President of the Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio Chapter (FBA-NDOC).

Carter is the 2011 Kent State University Distinguished Honors College Alumni, and was selected as a member of the Ohio State Bar Association Foundation Class of 2011.

He is a member of the Kent City Schools Hall of Fame Class of 2011.

He is the 2010 CMBA Volunteer of the Year and the 2009 Distinguished Contributions to the Community Award winner, given by the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA).

He originated the CMBA's Green Initiative and served as chair of its Green Initiative Committee. He also chaired the CMBA's 3Rs Committee and co-authored its curriculum. 3Rs received the Ohio State Bar Foundation's Outstanding Program Award (2008) and received several American Bar Association awards.

Carter is TEW's Pipeline Diversity Program Co-coordinator. He initiated and administers TEW's partnership (3Rs instruction, mock trial coaching and internships) with Cleveland's Early College High School. He also serves as

Chair of the CEC's Advisory Committee. Tucker Ellis received the inaugural CMBA Trailblazer Award in 2012 for its Cleveland diversity and inclusion efforts, including its pipeline program at CEC. Carter has overseen expansion of Tucker Ellis LLP's Pipeline Diversity Program to its Denver, Los Angeles, and San Francisco offices. The Los Angeles program won the Pillar Partnership Spotlight Award in 2010.

He is a member of TEW's Diversity and Green Initiative Committees.

Legal Publications (since 2005 as sole or co-author):

- "["Take-Home" Premises Liability Asbestos Exposure Claims – 2011 Update](#)," DRI Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Newsletter (2012); OACTA Update Newsletter (2012)
- "[Notice, Selection, Preparation, and Privilege Issues for Corporate Representative Depositions](#)," published in DRI's *In-House Defense Quarterly* (Spring 2010)
- "["Take-Home' Premises Liability Asbestos Exposure Claims - 2010 Update](#)," published in DRI's Toxic Torts Newsletter (Summer 2010)
- "["Arranger' Liability and Apportionment after Burlington](#)," published in *The Federal Lawyer* (2010);
- "["Take-Home' Premises Liability Asbestos Claims—2009 Update](#)" published in *Mealey's Litigation Report; Asbestos* (2009) and that same year in the *DRI Toxic Tort and Environmental Law* and *OACTA Newsletters*;
- "[Supreme Court Narrows 'Arranger' Liability in CERCLA Litigation](#)," published in *Inter Alia* (2009);
- "["Corporate Representative Depositions: Notice Provision of Rule 30 \(b\)\(6\)](#)," published in *Inter Alia* (Spring 2009);
- "[Corporate Representative Depositions: Selection and Preparation](#)," published in *Inter Alia* (Fall 2009);
- "Take-Home" 'Premises Liability Asbestos Exposure Claim' – DRI Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Newsletter (2008), OACTA Update Newsletter (2008)
- "[RCRA Citizen Suits in a Post-Cooper Era](#)," published in *Inter Alia* (2007), *The Federal Lawyer* (2006), and the *Cleveland Bar Journal* (2006);
- "RCRA Citizens Suits for Injunctive Relief," *Inter Alia* (2007)

Presentations (since 2000):

- "The Tucker Ellis/CEC Partnership," Kaleidoscope, News Channel 5 (2011)
- "CMBA's Green Initiative," Association of Legal Administrators (2011)
- "Kent State Shootings: The Legal Implications, a 40 Year Retrospective," CMBA CLE (2010)
- "30(b)(6) Depositions: A Trap for the Unwary" OACTA CLE (2010)
- "Going Green – Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Green Initiative," Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries Annual Convention (2009)
- "Corporate Representative Depositions-an Overview of Rule 30 (b) (6)," FBA-NDOC CLE (2009) and The Cleveland Bar Association (CBA) CLE (2007)
- "Increasing Diversity in the Legal Profession," Los Angeles County Bar Association Diversity Summit (2007)
- "Houston We Have a Problem-Use of RCRA Citizen Suits for Injunctive Relief," CBA Environmental Law Section (2006).
- "A Case Between Private Parties," CBA Federal Practice Seminar (2002)

Selected Reported Cases (since 2000):

Gumnitsky v. Delta, 411 F. Supp. 2d 756 (2005): Obtained summary judgment in products liability case against manufacturer of a miter saw.

Bob's Beverage v. Acme, 264 F. 3d 692 (6th Cir. 2001): Obtained a defense verdict in CERCLA trial and drafted successful appellee's brief to the United States 6th Circuit, which rejected appellant's "passive migration" claims.

Advanced Technology Corp. v. Eliskim, 87 F. Supp. 2d, 780 (2000): Obtained a judgment in a CERCLA trial

against prior owner of client's property, where "innocent landowner" and pre-existing contribution protection were at issue.

Other Representative Matters:

- Obtained a settlement in a RCRA "Citizen Suit" injunctive action on behalf of a bank arising from contamination of its property from abandoned UST tanks and product lines.
- Obtained a judgment against a major international oil company for contamination of a service station's property during a UST gasoline delivery, and sanctions against its counsel for discovery abuses.
- Defense verdict for coffee maker manufacturers after trial where plaintiff asserted claim alleging the maker caused a fire.
- Obtained an injunction against a major international supermarket chain on behalf of a local shopping center owner where the chain closed its store, ceasing payment of its percentage rents.
- Obtained a "de minimis" CERCLA settlement on behalf of local car dealers in multi-million dollar claim against them arising from used oil contamination and successfully asserted claims against the clients' carriers for payment of settlement proceeds.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a major oil company in a benzene exposure claim.
- Obtained a defense verdict where plaintiff alleged thoracic outlet surgery was necessitated by client's negligent driving.

Carter was an Associate and Partner with Arter & Hadden LLP (1984-2003) where he was a contributing author of the "A&H Ohio Product Liability Update. He is a graduate of the International Association of Defense Counsel Academy.

Civic & Professional Involvement

CMBA

President-Elect

Committees: Bench-Bar; Section & Committee Oversight; Joint Memorial Committee, 8th Judicial District Conference Planning; Executive; Membership Committee; Green Initiative; 3Rs, and Stokes Scholars Advisory Committee;

Co-Chair: Strategic Planning Committee

FBA-NDOC

Past President

Co-Chair, "Whole Trial in 3 Hours" CLE

Ohio State Bar Association

Member, Ohio State Bar Foundation 2011 Class

Member, Federal Courts and Practice Committee

Carter is a member of the American Bar Association, the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, and the Defense Research Institute.

Alumni Activities

Carter is actively involved in support of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (C-M):

Originator and sponsor, Joel J. Finer Criminal Procedure Award

C-M Alumni Association Life Member

Member, C-M Alumni Association Board of Trustees

Mentor to 1st yr. students

He is also actively involved with Kent State University (KSU):
KSU Alumni Association Life Member
Honors College Advisory Board and Honors Alumni Association member
Originator of the Leo E. Strang (father/former KSU Head Football Coach) Student Athlete Award and Bettie Strang (mother/former Honors College employee) Award for Excellence in the Arts

Personal Information

Carter is married to Deedra (Siegel) Strang, a speech therapist with the Shaker Heights Public Schools and has three adult sons (Steven, Carson and Kevin).

He is a member of the "TE Wheelers", which participates in Cleveland's Bike to Work Day and the MS 150 "Pedal to the Point" MS fundraiser. He was a member of the Team Benjamin Triathlon Team, which participated in the Cleveland Triathlon and raised money for Cerebral Palsy.

He is a former high school teacher and coach (Jennings Scholar and Taft Fellow teaching awards) he was President of the Shaker Heights Youth Hockey Association and a volunteer youth sports coach.

At KSU, Carter was a member of the football and ice hockey teams; was selected for membership in the Phi Alpha Theta (History) and Kappa Delta Pi (Education) Honorary Societies; was a housing rehabilitation program volunteer in Akron; and, he held leadership positions in various political campaigns.