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Service Areas

Mass Tort & Product Liability; Class Action Litigation;
Business Litigation

Bar Admissions

Ohio, 1996

Illinois, 1991

United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio

United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Supreme Court of the United States

Education

Loyola University Chicago School of Law (J.D., 1991)

University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1988)

Bio

Joe Morford serves as Managing Partner of Tucker Ellis LLP. His practice focuses on the representation of major corporations in mass tort, business, and product liability litigation matters both in Ohio and in courtrooms throughout the United States.

Joe is a member of the Defense Research Institute, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Judge John M. Manos Inn of Court. He frequently lectures on the defense of litigation matters and has regularly been named an Ohio Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation, an Ohio Super Lawyer®, and included on the list of Best Lawyers in America®. He also serves as a magistrate judge for the City of Shaker Heights Juvenile Court Diversion Program and is active in many other community organizations.

Joe is the proud father of four children ages 17, 16, 13, and 9. Thus, much of his spare time is spent at assorted recitals, athletic events, shows and concerts - or doing exceedingly interesting science projects and math homework. Joe is certain these children will, upon completion of their singing/acting/modeling/athletic careers, be a driving force for good in their communities.

Recent Publications

“[Distinguishing the Sophisticated User from the Sophisticated Intermediary Defense](#),” *Inter Alia* (February 2011)

Awards & Professional Recognition

Best Lawyers in America®

Cleveland Best Lawyers Mass Tort Litigation Lawyer of the Year for 2012



Civic & Professional Involvement

Business Volunteers Unlimited - *Board of Directors*

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) Foundation - *Board of Directors*

Cleveland Leadership Center - *Board of Trustees*

West Side Catholic Center - *Board of Directors*

Judge John M. Manos Inn of Court

Shaker Heights Juvenile Court Diversion Program - *Magistrate Judge*