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Riley Shaw defends a diverse group of industries, with particular emphasis on mass tort and product liability.

Riley handles all aspects of pre-trial litigation in defending clients in state and federal courts across the country in premises liability, personal injury, and product liability matters. He serves on Tucker Ellis national counsel teams, including the motor vehicle litigation team defending a Fortune 300 company. Riley is known for his mastery of facts, creative legal research, and persuasive writing. He utilizes these skills in offensive and defensive discovery, as well as settlement negotiations. Riley drafts pleadings, conducts fact investigation and expert discovery, prepares dispositive and evidentiary motions, and negotiates resolution.

In addition to his mass tort and product liability practice, Riley counsels clients on creditors' rights. In this practice, he creates strategy to assert leverage on defaulting entities with creditors' bills, garnishment actions, and foreclosure proceedings. Riley proactively protects clients' rights by seeking effective and practical solutions.

During law school, Riley assisted in preparing a Fourth Amendment appellate brief that was submitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit while serving as an extern with the U.S. Attorney's Office. He also served as a legal writing tutor for first-year law students.

As an undergraduate student, Riley won more than 100 matches for Cleveland State's wrestling team as a heavyweight and qualified for the NCAA tournament three times, winning the league title twice. During his second year of law school, he served as the graduate assistant coach for the team. Balancing that role with the demands of law school helped him fine-tune his time management and organizational skills, which are integral to his law practice today.

In his free time, Riley enjoys an occasional jog, working on home renovations with his wife Anna, and spending time with their three children and two dogs.

Education

- Cleveland State University College of Law (J.D., summa cum laude, 2020); Cleveland State Law Review, Managing Editor; Legal Writing Tutor
- Cleveland State University (B.A. in Political Science, summa cum laude, 2016); John McLendon Award; Senior Mentor; Male Athlete of the Year (2015)

State Admissions

- Ohio, 2020
- New Jersey, 2021

Federal Admissions

- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Service Areas

- Mass Tort & Product Liability
- Business Litigation

Experience

- Briefed and won summary judgment in a New Jersey personal injury case where the plaintiff relied solely on res ipsa loquitur; the motion successfully argued that the plaintiff could not prove the first prong (that the incident beget negligence) or third prong (that plaintiff was without fault) of res ipsa loquitur
- Briefed and won a motion to dismiss in an Ohio personal injury case for a Fortune 200 manufacturing client in a high-exposure product liability case involving allegations of malicious conduct and a demand for punitive damages

Publications & Events

- “13th Annual Update of Take-Home Asbestos Duty Decisions: 2022 Rulings Highlight Litigation Landscape,” HarrisMartin’s *COLUMNS-Asbestos* (July 2023)
- “12th Annual Update of Take-Home Asbestos Duty Decisions: 2021 Rulings Highlight Litigation Landscape,” HarrisMartin’s *COLUMNS-Asbestos* (June 2022)
- “Stubborn Facts Can Make Bad Pleadings,” *OACTA Quarterly Review* (Summer 2021)
- “11th Annual Update of Take-Home Asbestos Duty Decisions: 2020 Rulings Highlight Litigation Landscape,” HarrisMartin’s *COLUMNS-Asbestos* (May 2021)
- “10th Annual Update of Take-Home Asbestos Duty Decisions: 2019 Rulings Highlight Litigation Landscape,” HarrisMartin’s *COLUMNS-Asbestos* (March 2020)

In the Community

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- College Now | Greater Cleveland, Mentor