



# JOHN F. KING

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University, 1983
- B.S., Business Administration, Slippery Rock University, 1980

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio, 1983
- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, 1983
- United States Court of Appeal, Sixth Circuit, 1986
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, 1986
- District of Columbia, 1986
- United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, 1995
- North Carolina, 2022
- Admitted pro hac vice in courts in California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania

## BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Guardian ad Litem**

**District #30**

**North Carolina Judicial Branch, Waynesville, North Carolina**

**2021-2022**

Volunteer guardian ad litem for neglected/abused/dependent children in local district court

- **Owner, Three Birds Tavern, LLC/Cloghan West, LLC, Saint Petersburg, Florida, 2009-2021**

Acquisition, construction and startup of 200+ seat restaurant. All aspects of executive management of a \$2,300,000.00 sales location, including complete profit/loss responsibility, employee relations, product acquisition, labor cost management, responsible vendor training, governmental interaction with U.S. Department of Labor, Florida Department of Revenue, City of St Petersburg, Pinellas County and other public entities. Sold real estate and operating entity October, 2021.

Fundraising activity for multiple charitable organizations in St. Petersburg, Florida.

- **Owner, King & Associates, Cleveland, Ohio, 1999-2009**

Practice primarily medical/legal malpractice, business and employment litigation. Almost exclusively matters referred from other attorneys or judges throughout Ohio and Western Pennsylvania

Held record for largest judgment in single person medical malpractice case in Ohio from 2004 until 2010 with \$23,960,712.00 judgment that was fully collected

Held record for largest dram shop verdict in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania for verdict of \$1,950,000.00 in 2000 verdict

\$3,500,000.00 recovery for victim of a surgical fire in Youngstown, Ohio

Represented Probate Court of Cuyahoga County, Ohio in multiple legal malpractice claims arising from theft from fiduciary/estate accounts by attorneys

Advised and represented NFLPA agent regarding multiple NFL player contracts and endorsement deals

Represented family in matter arising from hospital maternity ward baby "swap" with infant exposure to HIV virus. Client later interviewed by "The Dr. Phil" television show

- **Partner, Hofelich & King, Cleveland, Ohio 1991-1999**

Operating partner for business and personal injury litigation firm in Cleveland, Ohio

First lawyer in the world to successfully pursue a personal injury or wrongful death action against Bell Helicopter and The Boeing Company joint venture (Bell-Boeing) for injury/death arising from a crash of the V-22 Osprey military developmental aircraft

Successful defense of a ten-week jury trial in an intellectual property theft/misappropriation case

Seven figure recovery for clients arising from the crash of Egypt Air Flight 990 in the Atlantic Ocean

Seven figure recovery for clients arising from the crash of USAir Flight 427 outside of Pittsburgh, PA

Multiple six figure recovery in death case involving cardiac catheterization laboratories misrepresenting capabilities of the services provided

Confidential settlement of gender discrimination case against the Vice President of Human Resources of a Cleveland based Fortune 200 Company

Confidential settlement of sexual harassment case against the President of a Cleveland based liability insurer

- **Partner, Shimko, King & Stich, 1989-1991**

Operating partner for four person litigation firm

Handled California litigation of multiple plaintiff claims against the WD-40 company arising from breach of distributorship agreements, resulting in \$10,500,000 verdict

Handled Ohio litigation arising from a bear attack on a 5 year old boy at a shopping mall event

Handled lender liability litigation against Wells Fargo & Company

Handled insurance errors and omissions litigation arising from underinsured fire loss at a lumber company

- **Corporate Litigation Attorney, The Sherwin-Williams Company, 1986-1989**

Handled northeast Ohio litigation in house. Retained, supervised and selectively co-counseled outside counsel nationwide in company litigation. Participated as second chair to outside counsel in Texas, California and Florida trials

Successfully settled multiple seven-figure cases arising from product failure in Miami, Florida condominium complexes

Successfully defended and settled "continuous sale" litigation initiated by the State of California in Sacramento, California

Participated in environmental audit of manufacturing plant in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Participated and supervised negotiations regarding company involvement in numerous "Superfund" environmental sites

Successfully prosecuted Sherwin-Williams' first ever in-house recovery of damages from an outside supplier, arising from a software failure of a Boston, Massachusetts company

Defense of multiple employment discrimination cases across the United States

- **Associate, Spurlock, Sears, Pry & Griebing, 1983-1986**

New graduate associate at general practice law firm with focus on insurance defense litigation and real estate practice

Second chair and first chair trial responsibility in insurance defense litigation

Real estate and banking work including extensive title search work

Domestic relations litigation

Actual jury trial of an adverse possession case