

Carl A. Aveni, II

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summary: Carl Aveni is a Litigation Partner at Carlile, Patchen & Murphy, LLP. He previously served as the Co-Chair of the Litigation Department, and has since been elevated to In-House General Counsel for the firm itself, advising the firm's Executive Committee on matters pertaining to ethics, litigation and risk management.

He joined the firm in 2006, after 10 years practicing at large law firms in Philadelphia and Columbus. Carl concentrates his practice on complex commercial disputes and business torts, including trade secret litigation, fiduciary litigation, shareholder disputes and professional liability. He often represents closely-held family businesses in "bet-the-company" litigation. He regularly serves as lead trial counsel in all phases of trial, discovery, motions practice and appellate review.

Carl has successfully argued before the Ohio Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Appellate Circuit, as well as before trial courts, administrative agencies, and appellate courts throughout Ohio.

Carlile Patchen & Murphy LLP

Partner, Litigation

Columbus, OH
2006-Present

Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP

Senior Associate, Litigation

Associate, Litigation

Columbus, OH
2004-2006
1998-2003

- Lead or sole counsel on extensive case load in all phases of trial, discovery, motions practice, and appellate review.

Reed Smith Shaw & McClay LLP

Litigation Associate

Summer Associate

Philadelphia, PA
1996-1998
Summer, 1995

EDUCATION

The Boston University School of Law

J.D., Cum Laude,

Concentration in Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Boston, MA
May, 1996

Boston University Law Review, Editor, 1995-1996;

Staff Member, 1994-1995

Dean's List 1993-1996

The American University, School of International Service

B.A., International Relations

Washington, D.C.
May, 1991

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Inactive Status)

State of New Jersey (Inactive Status)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Judicial Administration and Reform Committee, Ohio State Bar Association 2012-Present
- Associate Editor/Contributing Editor, *Litigation News*, ABA Section of Litigation 2015-2019
(This is one of the flagship publications of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation, and has 50,000 subscribers comprised of trial lawyers and judges).
- International Association of Defense Counsel 2010-2020
(A peer-reviewed, invitation-only organization of roughly 2,000 national and international trial lawyers and business executives).
 - Business Litigation Committee, Vice-Chair, Programs and Projects 2017-2018
 - Vice-Chair, Webinars 2016-2017
 - Trial Techniques and Tactics Comm., Vice-Chair, Programs and Projects 2017-2018
 - Membership Committee Chair, Southern Ohio 2014-2018
- Ohio Promote the Vote, Steering Committee 2012-2018
(A statewide organization of lawyers, Democratic legislators, ODP staff and county Democratic leadership ensuring access to polls during Presidential and Gubernatorial election cycles).
- Franklin County Democratic Lawyers Club Approx. 2010-Present
- Franklin-American Inn of Courts Approx. 2002-2007
- Long-time member and recurring CLE lecturer on behalf of Columbus Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association and American Bar Association
- Recurring Judge of Moot Negotiation Competition, Moritz College of Law and "We the People: The Citizen and Constitution" High School Showcase for the Ohio Supreme Court's Center of Law Related Education.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Carl served as the Course Designer and Lead Presenter for the Probate Litigation Seminar, Ohio State Bar Association in 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2012, 2011, and 2010.

He is also a frequent lecturer on trial tactics and evidentiary issues, including:

“Engaging Your Jury Through Creative Use of Demonstrative Exhibits,”
IADC Midyear Conference, Feb. 2018.

“Negotiation Strategies for Litigators,”
National Business Institute, Nov. 2017.

“Trying Your Case In The Age of Alexa,”
Chester Professionalism Institute, Columbus Bar Association, Oct. 2017.

“Counseling Your Client: What Parties Should Expect in Probate Litigation,”
Ohio State Bar Association, Oct. 2017.

“Ethical Issues When Representing Multiple Parties to Fiduciary Litigation,”
Ohio State Bar Association, Oct. 2017.

“A Peek Behind the Curtain: In-House Expectations of Outside Counsel,”
IADC Webinar, Moderator, Oct. 2017.

“Hearsay, Email, Business Records and Social Media—In the Trenches!”
National Business Institute, Sept. 2017.

“Effective Use of Expert Witnesses in Injury Cases,”
National Business Institute, Dec. 2016.

“Using Social Media To Establish Your Case,”
National Business Institute, Dec. 2016.

“Explaining Complex Commercial and Business Concepts to a Jury Without Peers”,
IADC, Annual Meeting Major CLE, July 2016.

“How Jurors Think: What Every Litigator Needs to Know,”
National Business Institute, Nov. 2015.

“Social Media and Other Complex Jury Issues,”
National Business Institute, Nov. 2015.

“Voir Dire and Jury Selection Strategies,”
National Business Institute, Dec. 2014

“Accounting Bootcamp For Trial Lawyers,”
IADC Webinar, Nov. 2014.

“Using Effective Remedies To Combat Rambo Litigation,”
National Business Institute, April 2013.

“Authentication, Exhibits and Courtroom Presentation,”
National Business Institute, Dec. 2012.

“Using Effective Remedies To Combat Rambo Litigation,”
National Business Institute, April 2012.

“A Young Lawyer’s Guide To Rainmaking,”
American Bar Association, Young Lawyers’ Committee Annual Conference, July 2010.

“Defending Water Intrusion and Mold Claims,”
Sterling Educational Services, Oct. 2003.

PUBLICATIONS

“Explaining Complex and Commercial Concepts to A Jury Without Peers,”
Defense Counsel Journal, Vol . 84, No. 1 (2017).

“How Private is Your Home in the Age of Alexa?”
Litigation News, Vol. 42, No. 3 (cover article, Summer 2017).

“Lawyers Sanctioned For Prematurely Terminating Deposition,”
Litigation News, Vol. 42, No. 3 (Summer 2017).

“Attorney-Client Privilege Does Not Apply to Former Employees,”
Litigation News, Vol. 42, No. 3 (Spring 2017).

“Circuit Split Widens on Seeking Attorneys’ Fees as Costs,”
Litigation News, Vol. 42, No. 2 (Winter 2017).

“Judge Restricts Jurors From Researching Jurors Online,”
Litigation News, Vol. 42, No. 1 (Fall 2016).

“Court Ruling Expands Fair Use on Social Media,”
Litigation News, Vol. 41, No. 3 (Spring 2016).

“ABA House of Delegates Urges Change to Diversity Statute,”
Litigation News, Vol. 41, No. 2 (Winter 2016).

“Arbitration Among the Unwilling: Centofanti v. Wayne Homes,”
Alternative Dispute Resolution Newsletter, IADC (Jan. 2013).

“Gathering and Preserving Information at the Outset in Probate Litigation,”
21 Probate Law Journal of Ohio 114 (Jan. 2011).

“Counselling Your Client in Probate Litigation,”
21 Probate Law Journal 98 (Nov. 2010).

“Duty to Warn in a Strict Liability Case: Striking a Balance,”
Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys Update (Fall, 2001).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Kaleidoscope Youth Center Board of Dir. 2019-Present
- Rickenbacker-Woods Foundation Board of Dir. 2019-Present
- Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Columbus, Ohio, Member 2010-Present
-Chair, Investment Committee 2015-2017
- Columbus Children’s Choir Parent Vol. 2014-Present
- Cub Scout Pack 74, Simon Kenton Council, Den Leader 2010-2016
- Columbus Speech & Hearing Center Board of Dir. 2002-2006
- Co-Founder, “Caring Paws” 2005

(Caring Paws was a temporary volunteer organization founded in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Its mission was to collect and ship new and gently used stuffed animals to shelters in Louisiana and Mississippi for distribution to displaced children. After critical first response food, medicine and clothing needs had been satisfied, the shelters were faced with a displaced population of traumatized children that had lost virtually all personal possessions, heading into Christmas and Hanukkah. My wife and I, along with several of our friends, developed donation centers and drop-off points throughout central Ohio, coordinated with shelter intake personnel, arranged publicity, organized teams of volunteers to sort and pack, secured in-kind packaging and shipping donations from UPS and Victoria’s Secret, and ultimately delivered 5,000 stuffed animals in a convoy of dedicated UPS trucks to shelters in the hardest hit areas along the Gulf).

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers, Litigation, 2020
- Columbus Top Lawyer, Litigation, Columbus CEO Magazine 2016
- Columbus Top Lawyer, Litigation, Columbus CEO Magazine 2015
- Ohio Super Lawyer, Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine 2009
- Ohio Super Lawyer, Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine 2007

FUN FACT

Carl appeared as a Contestant on the game show *Jeopardy!* in May, 2011. Having acquitted himself well throughout the show, he was in first place going into Final Jeopardy—where he blew it. Suffice it to say that “Johannes Brahms” is an unwelcome topic of discussion in the Aveni household.

References Furnished Upon Request