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## Services

Financial Services  
Litigation and Dispute Resolution  
    Appeals  
    Class and Collective Actions  
    Professional Liability and  
    Malpractice Litigation

## Industries

Manufacturing

## Education

Oberlin College, B.A., with honors  
New York University School of Law,  
J.D., magna cum laude, Order of  
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## Bar Admissions

Ohio

## Court Admissions

U.S. District Court

- Northern District of Ohio
- Southern District of Ohio
- Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. Court of Appeals

- Sixth Circuit



## Amanda Martinsek

Principal  
Cleveland Resident Director

Amanda is an accomplished trial attorney with nearly 30 years of experience handling complex litigation, including class actions, shareholder derivative claims, product liability cases, real estate disputes, and a broad range of other commercial and business matters. She has successfully defended national and regional law firms against professional liability and business tort claims.

Amanda's practice spans both public and private sector clients, covering commercial disputes involving breach of contract, fraud, tortious interference, covenants not to compete, supplier agreements, and other business issues. Amanda has extensive experience prosecuting and defending shareholder derivative and direct shareholder actions, as well as representing directors and officers in cases involving federal securities and state laws. She also advises policyholders in disputes with insurers, both in active litigation and negotiations, addressing issues such as liability coverage triggered by underlying litigation, long-term conduct or wrongdoing allegations.

Amanda's real estate litigation experience includes representing individuals, companies, and public entities in disputes related to eminent domain, allegations of improper taking, tax incremental financing projects, and foreclosures. She also has a deep background in defending against class action claims involving securities laws, TCPA, state and federal consumer protection statutes, breach of warranty, contract disputes, state and federal antitrust matters, and mortgage recording and UCC-1 statutory causes of action. She was engaged by a multinational corporation as an expert on U.S. class action procedures in Canadian litigation.

## Amanda Martinsek

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Beyond trials, Amanda has represented public and private clients in administrative proceedings and arbitration, as well as conducted investigations into complex legal and compliance matters, including Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) violations and potential *qui tam* claims. She led a high-profile investigation into a Fortune 500 company's handling of \$1.1 billion in synthetic securities transactions.

### Representative Matters

In 2020, Amanda led a team which successfully challenging the constitutionality of a controversial Ohio law that allowed residents of certain communities to more easily change their assigned school district despite concerns about racial segregation and financial disparities among affected students. Amanda currently represents plaintiff bondholders in the foreclosure and receivership of a hotel and convention center valued at over \$42 million. Recently, Amanda secured a highly favorable outcome for Ohio's ninth largest county in a dispute with a school district challenging the county's resolutions implementing tax incremental financing districts. The result was a win-win for all parties, generating millions in additional infrastructure funding.

### Reported and Published Decisions

- *Plain Local School District Board of Education v. Mike DeWine*, No. 2:19-CV-5086, 2020 WL 5521310 (S.D. Ohio Sept 11, 2020)
- *Eaton Corp. v. Weeks*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22530 (E.D. Michigan 2014)
- *Johnson v. KeyBank*, 2014-Ohio-120 (8th District Ohio Court of Appeals 2014)
- *Meyers Lake Sportsman's Club, Inc. v. Meyers Lake Pres., Inc.*, 2013-Ohio-3227 (5th District Ohio Court of Appeals 2013)
- *TattleTale Portable Alarm Sys. v. Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP*, 276 F.R.D. 573 (S.D. Ohio 2011)
- *Mills Van Lines, Inc. v. Prudential Real Estate & Relocation Services*, 2011-Ohio-3833 (8th District Ohio Court of Appeals 2011)
- *Parma Community General Hospital v. Premier Anesthesia of Parma*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 11035 (N.D. Ohio 2011)
- *Village of Hills & Dales v. Ohio Dept. of Education*, 2007 Ohio App. LEXIS 4530 (Franklin Cty. Ct. of App. 2007)
- *State ex rel. Brewer-Garrett Co. v. MetroHealth System*, 2006 Ohio App. LEXIS 5222 (Cuyahoga Cty. Ct. of App. 2006)
- *Gobble v. Hellman*, 2002 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 26833 (N.D. Ohio 2002)
- *Mick v. Level Propane Gases, Inc.*, 203 F.R.D. 324 (S.D. Ohio 2001)
- *Morales v. Coyle*, 98 F. Supp. 2d 849 (N.D. Ohio 2000)
- *Iron Workers Local Union No. 17 Ins. Fund v. Philip Morris, Inc.*, 186 F.R.D. 453 (N.D. Ohio 1999)

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## Honors

Chambers USA, Litigation: General Commercial, 2022–2025

Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup>, Appellate Practice, 2017–2025, Commercial Litigation, 2024–2025

Benchmark Litigation, Named a “Litigation Star” in Ohio, 2021–2025

Ohio Super Lawyers, 2007–2025

Super Lawyers, Nationwide Corporate Counsel Edition for Business Litigation, 2008–2016; Top 50 Women in Ohio, 2016–2017, 2020–2025; Top 25 Women in Cleveland, 2015–2017; 2020–2024

Crain's Cleveland Business, “Notable Women in Law,” 2018, 2024

Named a “Midwest Trailblazer” by The American Lawyer, 2021

Named a “Woman Worth Watching” by Profiles in Diversity Journal, 2019

YWCA Women of Professional Excellence, 2019

Designated Best Lawyers<sup>®</sup> Appellate Practice “Lawyer of the Year” in Cleveland, 2019

Law360, Female Power Broker, 2014

Inside Business Magazine, “Leading Lawyer,” 2004–2013

Ohio State Bar Foundation, Fellows Class, 2011

## Professional Activities

Eighth District Judicial Conference, Life Member

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, 1995–present

Litigation Counsel of America, 2017–present

Federal Bar Association, 2015–present

Ohio Women’s Bar Association, 2007–2018

## Civic, Cultural & Social Activities

Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Board of Directors, 2026-present

The Cleveland Orchestra, Advisory Council, 2016–present

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Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, Board of Directors, 2008–2013

Murtis H. Taylor Human Services System, Board of Trustees, 2003–2010

Ohio Women's Bar Association, Trustee, 2009–2010; Secretary and Executive Committee Member, 2010–2011; Trustee, 2011–2015

Federal Bar Association, Board Member, 2015–present