

CURRICULUM VITAE

JOHN M. ALTON

Experience:

John M. Alton & Co., L.P.A. (1998 - Present)

Ray & Alton, LLP (1994 - 1998)

Lane, Alton & Horst, LLC (1977-1994)

Areas of Concentration: Alternative Dispute Resolution (2008 - Present)

Private mediator and arbitrator in various types of civil litigation including but not limited to:

- (1) serious injury or wrongful death allegedly caused by medical negligence, product liability, medical device product liability, 1983 or civil rights violations, political subdivision negligence, trucking and other significant motor vehicle collisions, premises liability, negligent security; intentional tort and other torts;
- (2) business litigation, employment litigation including but not limited to wrongful discharge, eminent domain, insurance coverage disputes, UCC claims, breach of contract, CSPA, errors and omissions claims against various professionals, defamation, etc.

Certification

Certified in Civil Trial Advocacy by National Board of Trial Advocacy (1997-2010)

Mediations

500+

Martindale-Hubbell Rating

AV Preeminent (1988-present)

Recognition

1. Ohio Supreme Court: Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution (1997-1999)
2. National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (2020-present)
3. Super Lawyers (Ohio): Alternative Dispute Resolution (2021-present); Top 50 Columbus Lawyers (2021-present)
4. American College of Trial Lawyers (Fellow, 2000-present); State Committee (Ohio): 2009-present; State (Ohio) Chair: 2017-2019
5. American Board of Trial Advocates (1996-present); Ohio Chapter President: 2022
6. Super Lawyers (Ohio): Personal Injury Plaintiff - Medical Malpractice (2004-2020)

7. *The Best Lawyers in America (2008-present)*: Lawyer of the Year - Plaintiff's Professional Malpractice (2020)
8. Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers: Medical Malpractice (1988-2020)

Professional Organizations

Columbus Bar Association (1977-present)
 Columbus Bar Foundation (Fellow: 1988-present);
 Ohio State Bar Association (1977-present);
 Ohio State Bar Foundation (Fellow: 2005-present);

Speeches and Presentations

- Jury Interrogatories: Columbus Bar Association (1982)
- Trial of a Comparative Negligence Case: Columbus Bar Association (1983)
- Orthopedics for Lawyers: National Business Institute (1983, 1986)
 Personal Injury Litigation Practice in Ohio: National Business Institute (1985, 1988)
 Pleadings and Discovery: Columbus Bar Association (1987)
- Insurance Agents: Errors and Omissions Claims Against: Columbus Claims Association, Inc. (1990),
- Uninsured and Underinsured Motorists Coverage in Ohio: Columbus Claims Association, Inc. (1990)
- Opening Statements and Closing Arguments: OSBA CLE Institute (1990)
- Medical Malpractice, Products Liability, How to Assess Damages: Wage Loss Assessment, Cost of Future Care, and Impairment of Earning Capacity” – National Business Institute, Inc. (1988 – 1991)
- Mock Deposition: Dental Malpractice: Ohio Dental Association Annual Meeting (1990, 1991)
- Principles of Medical and Hospital Risk Management”: The Medical Protective Company (Hilton Head, S.C., 1992)
- Anatomy of Medical Negligence Lawsuit: Columbus and Franklin County Academy of Medicine (1992)
- Risk Management – Medical Care Providers: Riverside Methodist Hospital (1992)
- Liability for Failure to Diagnose Chemical Dependency: Ohio Affiliate of National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (1994)
- Closing Argument: Plaintiff’s Perspective”: OSBA CLE Institute (1994)
- Persuasion in Closing Argument”: OSBA CLE Institute (1995)
- Wrongful Death in Medical Malpractice Cases: OSBA CLE Institute (1996)
- Evidence Rule 702 – Beware: Ohio Association for Justice (1996)
- Enhancing Damages with Elder Abuse Claims: OSBA CLE Institute (1997)

- Direct Examination of Loss of Enjoyment of Life Expert: OSBA CLE Institute (1998)
- Shaping Damages around the Heirs: OSBA (1999)
- Ethical Issues for Attorneys: American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL: 2000)
- Hedonic Damages: National Business Institute, Inc. (NBI: 2001)
- Direct Examination of Loss of Chance of Survival Expert: OSBA CLE Institute (2002)
- Experts in Proof of Damages: OSBA CLE Institute (2003)
- Anatomy of a Medical Malpractice Case (6 Hours): Half Moon Seminars (2009)
- Damages in Medical Malpractice Cases: Ohio State Bar Association (OSBA: 2014)
- Mediations: American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL:2016)
- Mediations: Ohio State Legal Services Association (OSLSA: 2016, 2017)
- Mediations: Ohio Association for Justice (OAJ Convention: 2018, 2019)
- Mediations: Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys (CATA: 2018)
- Selling the Defense Case: Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA: 2019)
- Damages: (OSLSA Trial Advocacy Skills Training: 2019)
- Mediations: Techniques to Effectuate Settlement (OAJ Convention and Fulton County Trial Lawyers Association: 2020)
- Mediations (Virtual, in Person or Hybrid): The Pandemic Effect (OAJ Convention: 2021)

Publications

1. Attorney Malpractice in Franklin County, Ohio (Columbus Bar Association Briefs: 1978)
2. Orthopedics for Lawyers (National Business Institute: 1983; 1986)
3. Personal Injury Litigation Practice in Ohio (National Business Institute: 1985;1988)
4. Evidence Rule 702 – Beware: (OAJ Ohio Trial, 1996)
5. Contingent Fee Agreements Clarified (The Daily Reporter, 1996)
6. Anatomy of a Medical Malpractice Case (Half Moon Seminars, 2009)
7. Theobald v. University of Cincinnati – The Duty to Dually File Medical Claims (OAJ Ohio Trial, 2010)
8. Pothole Neglect (OAJ Ohio Trial, 2013)
9. Immunity Door Ajar? (OAJ Ohio Trial, 2017)

Bar Admissions

1. Ohio (1977)
2. U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio (1978)
3. U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit (1987)
4. U.S. Supreme Court (1988)

Education

1. Duke University, Cum Laude with Distinction in Psychology (B.A., 1974)
2. SMU Dedman School of Law (J.D., 1977)