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R. Leland Evans is a shareholder of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. and serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Railroad Law, Litigation and Regulatory Counsel Group. He regularly defends railroads in Federal Employers' Liability Act, public liability and real estate litigation matters, and frequently represents railroads in matters pending before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Mr. Evans has also defended a wide variety of personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits involving motor vehicle accidents, trucking accidents, product liability, public utilities, premises liability, construction disputes, food and beverage liability, and professional negligence including medical, dental, pharmacy, and legal malpractice matters.

Mr. Evans has appeared in many of Ohio's state courts both at the trial court level and in the courts of appeal, has tried cases in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, and has argued before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He also has substantial training and experience as a mediator.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Evans was a partner at Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP where he was Chair of the Tort Litigation Practice Group and the Transportation and Logistics Practice Group.

Practice Focus

- Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Food and Beverage Industry
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability Defense
- Railroad Law, Litigation and Regulatory Counsel
- Transportation Law

Professional Accomplishments

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell® since 2009
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2008: Railroad Law
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*® 2007–2019

Speaking Engagements

- "Ethical Issues that Arise in Parallel Criminal and Civil Proceedings" (Panelist); ABA Section of Litigation Food & Supplements Seventh Annual Workshop; Hershey, PA; 6/13/2017

- “Of Handcuffs and Hamburgers: As DOJ Increases Its Focus on the Food Industry, How Your Company (and You) Can Avoid Being Criminally Prosecuted”; GMA Legal Conference; San Diego, CA; 2/27–28/2017
- “Catastrophic Derailment With Toxic Spill: Dealing with Abutting Property Owners – Stories from the Field and Access Issues”; American Association of Railroads 2016 General Claims Conference; Nashville, TN; 10/10?12/2016

Publications

- *The Third Revised Railroad Litigator's Notebook* (Contributor), “Professional Ethics in Railroad Litigation”
- *The Railroad Litigator's Notebook, Fourth Edition* (Contributor), “Locomotive Boiler Inspection Act (LBIA) and Safety Appliance Act (SAA) Claims” and “Professional Ethics in Railroad Litigation”

Admissions and Licenses

- Ohio Bar Admission
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Memberships

- Claims and Litigation Management (CLM) Alliance
- Columbus Bar Association (Past Chair of Professionalism Committee and Professional Ethics Committee Member)
- Defense Research Institute
- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
- Ohio State Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Regularly serves as pro bono mediator for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Education

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D. (1983)
- The Ohio State University, B.S. (1979), Restaurant/Hospitality Management

