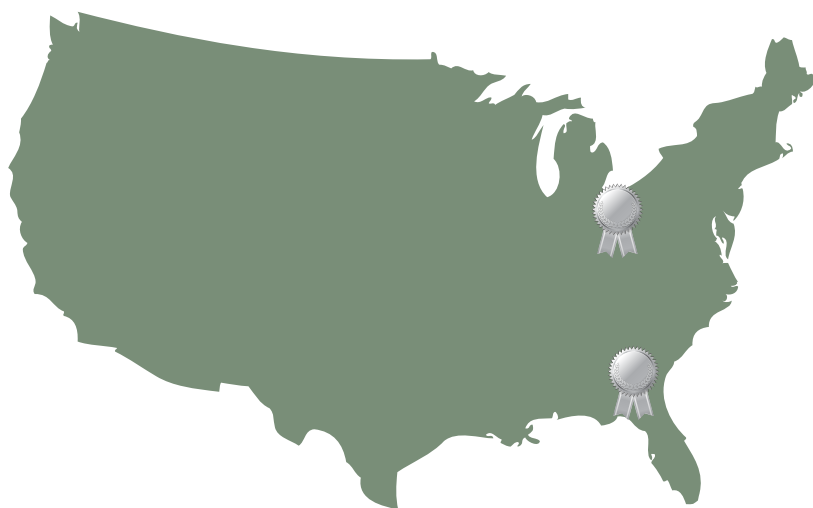




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Recommended Firm in Georgia



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THOMPSON HINE

Thompson Hine is a Cleveland-based national law firm that currently maintains eight offices throughout the US, from which lawyers counsel clients across a variety of industry sectors spanning a plethora of practice areas. One client highlights the firm's "excellent performance with persistence."

Cleveland trial attorney **John Mitchell** is experienced in criminal, administrative and civil trials in state and federal courts, most notably on matters relating to white collar, securities, product liability, and business litigation. One client testifies, "I needed the best possible lawyer for a complicated case requiring discretion, patience, and confidence. John Mitchell was the best and gained our trust with every step thanks to his incredible dedication and get-the-job-done-right mindset. A lot was at stake, and we felt incredibly fortunate to have someone of this caliber in our corner." Another client echoes this sentiment, stating, "John Mitchell showed the highest professionalism. First, he was always accessible and responsive. Second, he showed unfailing level-headedness while methodically putting in place the various pieces (criminal, employment, public relations) needed to make certain that we were fully protected. Third, he genuinely cared about our well-being, investing personally in each phase of the process."

Fellow partner **Timothy Coughlin** chairs the mass and toxic tort group and leads the chemical industry group. He is revered for his work in the emerging technologies sector where he is keen on finding creative solutions to clients in the chemical industry. He represented PolyOne in a novel claim in California where the plaintiff claimed pulmonary fibrosis from occupational exposure to plastics. The client took the lead of an industry wide joint defense group in confronting these first of a kind claims. Litigation luminary **Kip Bollin** is the partner in charge of the Cleveland office, where he manages a practice dedicated to product liability and business disputes. He was counsel in defense of multiple ROI class action lawsuits against multiple defendants alleging violation of a New York Public Health Law, which governs the costs for copying medical records, along with claims for violations regarding deceptive business practices and unjust enrichment. **Elizabeth Wright** tried a case to a jury in federal court in St. Paul, Minnesota where she obtained a favorable defense verdict in a case where a woman was rendered a quadriplegic after she lost control of her vehicle in reverse and hit a building. She alleged there was an electronic defect in her throttle control that allowed her vehicle to accelerate at a high rate of speed without driver input on the accelerator, and that the brakes were also ineffective.

Dayton-based hiring partner and vice chair of the business litigation practice group **Christine Haaker** is experienced in business, product liability and securities and shareholder litigation. She served as lead trial for Thoroughbred Resources in an action related to coal mining and coal lease agreements, settlement agreements and other agreements, including claims for breach of contract, tortious interference with contracts, trespass, unjust enrichment, and declaratory judgment brought by a coal investment entity and royalty trust in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky. This matter involves issues dating back to a 2008 settlement agreement by and among several entities, which went through bankruptcy in 2017-2018. The issues involved rights to mine coal under certain land, hauling of coal under certain land, payment of royalties, claimed trespass to lands, and demands for payment of amounts owed by entities that have gone through a reorganization in bankruptcy.

STATE LITIGATION STARS

State Litigation Stars

NAME	FIRM	LOCATION	A	A	B	G	In	In	In	P	S	W	O
David Wilson	Thompson Hine	Washington, DC									✓	✓	
Marla Butler	Thompson Hine	Atlanta				✓		✓					
Seth Litman	Thompson Hine	Atlanta								✓			
Kip Bollin	Thompson Hine	Cleveland				✓				✓			
Timothy Coughlin	Thompson Hine	Cleveland				✓				✓			
Frank DeSantis	Thompson Hine	Cleveland				✓				✓			Professional liability
Tom Feher	Thompson Hine	Cleveland				✓				✓			Professional liability
Christine Haaker	Thompson Hine	Dayton				✓				✓			
David Hooker	Thompson Hine	Cleveland				✓					✓		Construction
Scott King	Thompson Hine	Dayton				✓				✓			
Brian Lamb	Thompson Hine	Cleveland				✓					✓		
John Mitchell	Thompson Hine	Cleveland								✓	✓	✓	
James Robenalt	Thompson Hine	Cleveland	✓			✓							Construction, Life sciences
Robert Ware	Thompson Hine	Cleveland				✓		✓					Life sciences
Anthony White	Thompson Hine	Columbus				✓							Employment, Transportation
Elizabeth "Missy" Wright	Thompson Hine	Cleveland								✓			Life sciences



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NAME	FIRM	LOCATION
Richard Freshwater	Thompson Hine	OH
Eric Heyer	Thompson Hine	DC
Matthew Ridings	Thompson Hine	OH

PRACTICE AREA		
Antitrust		
Appellate		
Bankruptcy		
General Commercial	✓	
Insurance		
Intellectual Property		
International Arbitration		
Product Liability		
Securities		
White-collar crime	✓	
Other		Consumer banking law



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TOP 250 WOMEN IN LITIGATION

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The Cleveland office of Thompson Hine is home to product liability and business litigation authority **Elizabeth “Missy” Wright**, who routinely represents clients in automotive, aviation, pharmaceutical, and medical device litigation as national counsel.

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BakerHostetler
Dinsmore & Shohl
Frantz Ward
Frost Brown Todd
Jackson Lewis
Littler Mendelson
Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart
Taft Stettinius & Hollister
Thompson Hine
Vorys Sater Seymour and Pease

RECOMMENDED

Benesch
Bricker & Eckler
Calfee Halter & Griswold
Eberly McMahon Copetas
Elfvin Klingshirn Royer & Torch
Haber Polk Kabat
Jones Day
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur
Squire Patton Boggs
Ulmer & Berne

complaint with prejudice; however, in November 2018, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals rejected *res judicata* as a basis for dismissal. Barnes and defendants filed a Memorandum in Support of Jurisdiction with the Ohio Supreme Court, seeking to reverse the appellate decision.

THOMPSON HINE

Thompson Hine maintains a significant presence in Ohio. The firm's labor and employment group is particularly well known with attorneys dedicated to labor and employment law span the firm's Ohio offices, especially Cleveland and Cincinnati. Leading the labor and employment practice group is **Nancy Barnes** of the Cleveland office. Barnes continues to defend Inpatient Medical Services and Sverica Capital Management in a complex employment matter. The plaintiffs alleged claims for breach of contract, wrongful termination, promissory estoppel and damages as a third-party beneficiary. However, Barnes filed a Motion to Dismiss, arguing that the claims pertaining to his employment and termination from IMS were compulsory counterclaims in prior litigation, and as a result, are barred by the principle of *res judicata* and should be dismissed with prejudice. The plaintiffs amended their complaint to assert additional claims against IMS and additionally, Sverica Capital Management for breach of fiduciary duties related to the plaintiff's employment and the subsequent sale of the company. In 2017, the court granted the defendants' motion and dismissed the

South

GEORGIA

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Greenberg Traurig

Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart

RECOMMENDED

Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz

Freeman Mathis & Gary

Jackson Lewis

King & Spalding

Lawrence & Bundy

Littler Mendelson

Munger & Stone

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough

Seyfarth Shaw

Taylor English

Thompson Hine

THOMPSON HINE

Thompson Hine has an office in Atlanta with labor and employment lawyers capable of handling a wide variety of matters for employers. The firm's labor and employment group recently expanded with the addition of **Bryan Stillwagon**. He brings exceptional experience handling a wide variety of claims in litigation, as well as investigations and traditional labor issues. Stillwagon is defending a technology company in an employment-related matter in the District Court of Arizona. **Tim McDonald** is a well-known employment litigator within the Georgia market and partner-in-charge of the Atlanta office. His recent casework includes representing an employer as the plaintiff in a case being litigated in the Superior Court of Georgia, Cobb County.

Provincial Litigation Stars

NAME	FIRM	LOCATION
Nancy Barnes	Thompson Hine	Ohio
Deborah Brenneman	Thompson Hine	Ohio
Eric Clark	Thompson Hine	Ohio
Tim McDonald	Thompson Hine	Georgia
Bryan Stillwagon	Thompson Hine	Georgia