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About John

John Gall is the immediate past global co-chair of the firm's Litigation Practice. He has an extensive trial and appellate practice involving commercial issues, including antitrust claims, business contract disputes, intellectual property rights, professional liability claims and corporate control contests, as well as toxic tort contamination issues. John has taken more than 50 cases to verdict or judgment over the course of his career. John's clients include large corporations such as an international food products maker, a US chemical company, an Ohio healthcare system, several international financial institutions, three US accounting and consulting firms, and a variety of governmental entities and officials. He has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1995, including recognition as the Columbus, Ohio 2012 Lawyer of the Year for Litigation – Intellectual Property and 2014 Lawyer of the Year for Litigation – Patent. He is also consistently recognized by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (litigation) and *Ohio Super Lawyers*. John has been selected by *Ohio Super Lawyers* as one of the top trial lawyers in the Columbus area.

His recent experience includes litigation involving alleged anticompetitive conduct on the part of a large international food products maker and a large Ohio healthcare system; alleged chemical contamination over a large geographic area by an international chemical company; the protection of intellectual property rights, including patent, trademark and trade secret information; accounting malpractice claims; negligence and fraud in connection with the purchase and sale of securities; enforcement and defense of substantial contract rights involving business acquisitions, asset sales and purchases; claims against directors and officers of public and private companies; and government projects subject to public bid.

John is a member of the Columbus, Ohio Federal and Federal Circuit Bar Associations, as well as the International Association of Defense Counsel. He participates as a member of the US Anti-Doping Agency Review Board, the International Tennis Federation Anti-Doping Review Board and the India Premier League (Cricket) Anti-Doping Review Board.

Experience

- Obtaining a defense verdict in a class action for a large international food producer after a five-week jury trial on US Sherman Act and State law price fixing claims involving treble damages of nearly US\$500,000,000.

- Obtaining a defense verdict for a large healthcare system after a 10-week jury trial on state antitrust restraint of trade claims involving alleged treble damages of US\$330 million.
- Defeating a US\$2,080,000,000 punitive damage claim on behalf of a large international chemical company following a six-week jury trial involving alleged contamination of a community water system.
- Selected by a US District Judge in 2017 as an arbitrator, and subsequently resolved through binding arbitration, a large consumer class action involving alleged violations of various financial disclosure statutes and RICO.
- Obtaining a US\$36,746,764 judgment against the former directors, officers and insurers of a collapsed financial institution.
- Obtaining a jury verdict after a five-week trial for US\$5,245,000 for breach of representations and warranties by the seller in a contract to sell a business.
- Obtaining a US\$5,685,798.29 judgment against a prominent educational institution for negligent misrepresentation made to a foreign investor in a technology development project sponsored by the institution.
- Obtaining an emergency injunction from the US Supreme Court allowing a noted US athlete to compete in the US Olympic Trials.
- Obtaining a permanent injunction from the Ohio Supreme Court barring a lower Ohio court from exercising jurisdiction over an international letter of credit dispute.
- Obtaining an injunction upholding the constitutional validity of Ohio's hostile takeover statutes.
- Obtaining a jury verdict for US\$3.75 million, a permanent injunction and a substantial attorneys' fees award for misappropriation of trade secrets.
- Obtaining a summary judgment against a US\$50 million claim for breach of an acquisition agreement and for US\$1,676,027.85 on related counterclaims.
- Obtaining a summary judgment against a US\$60 million claim for breach of a contract involving IT services and software.

Credentials

Education

- The Ohio State University, J.D., 1970
- Miami University, B.A., 1967

Admissions

- Ohio, 1971

Courts

- U.S. Supreme Court, 1975
- U.S. Ct. of App., Third Circuit, 1987
- U.S. Ct. of App., Fourth Circuit, 1993
- U.S. Ct. of App., Sixth Circuit, 1975
- U.S. Ct. of App., Ninth Circuit, 1989
- U.S. Ct. of App., Tenth Circuit, 1991

- U.S. Ct. of App., Federal Circuit, 1990
- U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Dist. of California, 1995
- U.S. Dist. Ct., E. Dist. of Michigan, 1989
- U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Dist. of Ohio, 1975
- U.S. Dist. Ct., S. Dist. of Ohio, 1976

Recognitions

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Commercial Litigation, Securities Litigation and Bet-the-Company Litigation (2023-2026), Intellectual Property Litigation (2026) and Intellectual Property and Patent Litigation (2023-2025)
- Recognized in *Chambers USA* for Litigation: General Commercial in Ohio
- Recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* 2017 as a Best Lawyer in America for Bet-the-Company Litigation

Expertise

Services

- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Litigation

About our firm

One of the world's strongest integrated law firms, providing insight at the point where law, business and government meet. We deliver commercially focused business solutions by combining our legal, lobbying and political capabilities and invaluable connections on the ground to a diverse mix of clients, from long-established leading corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations. More than 1,500 lawyers in over 40 offices across four continents provide unrivaled access to expertise.