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Michael DeWitt counsels and defends clients in a diverse range of insurance related issues with an emphasis on ERISA litigation and life, health and disability claims consulting. His experience includes representing clients in claims regarding breach of contract and bad faith as well as the pursuit of punitive damages involving both ERISA-governed and individual plans. Mr. DeWitt both defends and advises on policy wordings, business practices and regulatory matters.

Mr. DeWitt has extensive experience in representing clients in a wide range of complex litigation including, including subrogation matters, securities-related disputes and trying arbitration cases before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (formerly the National Association of Securities Dealers). During his career, he has also assisted clients in employment matters related to the enforcement and defense of non-compete provisions. Mr. DeWitt provides clients with a unique perspective to the challenges and issues confronting the industry, having spent several years as both an insurance agent and a licensed securities broker.

In addition to his legal practice, Mr. DeWitt is an adjunct professor of legal research and writing at Capital University Law School's ABA-accredited paralegal program. He previously served as a research editor of the university's Law Review.

Education

Ohio University (1993) - B.A. History

Capital University Law School (1996) - Juris Doctor, with honors

Primary Practice Areas

- Bad Faith
 - Construction & Labor Law Litigation
 - Employment Law
 - First Party Coverage
 - Professional Liability
 - Real Estate Agent & Broker Defense
 - Third Party Coverage
 - Workers Compensation
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Bar Memberships & Court Admissions

- Ohio, 1997
 - U.S. District Court Northern District of Ohio, 1997
 - U.S. District Court Southern District of Ohio, 1998
 - U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 1999
 - U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit, 2004
 - U.S. District Court Western District of Michigan, 2004
 - U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan, 2005
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Professional Affiliations and Professional Organizations

- Defense Research Institute
- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Columbus Bar Association