



**Michael R. Stavnicky**  
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## BIOGRAPHY

Prior to joining this firm, Mr. Stavnicky practiced with the Cleveland law firm of Conway, Marken, Wyner, Kurant & Kern.

Mr. Stavnicky graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. from Ohio University in 1991. At Ohio University, Mr. Stavnicky was a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Eta Sigma academic honor societies. He attended Law School at Cleveland State University where he earned his J.D., cum laude, in 1994. He was a member of the law review at Cleveland-Marshall and was awarded the American Jurisprudence Award. Mr. Stavnicky is also a member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Established in 1995, the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum is one of the most prestigious groups of trial lawyers in the United States. Membership is limited to attorneys who have successfully acted as lead counsel in cases in which their clients receive a verdict, decision, or settlement in excess of two million dollars. Mr. Stavnicky is rated BV<sup>®</sup> Distinguished<sup>™</sup> by Martindale-Hubbell.

Mr. Stavnicky focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, including the areas of real estate, closely-held business, contract, fraud, banking, commercial landlord-tenant, and construction. He has practiced at all levels, including at trial, on appeal and before the Ohio Supreme Court. Mr. Stavnicky has represented clients in local, state and federal court. Additionally, he is experienced in private, state and federal mediation and arbitration. In his practice, he is experienced in both plaintiff's side and defendant's side litigation. Mr. Stavnicky also counsels clients in the avoidance of litigation and the benefits of negotiated settlement. He has taught and spoken on litigation topics, including at the 2016 Real Estate Institute.

Mr. Stavnicky is a member of the Cleveland Metropolitan, Ohio State, Geauga County and American Bar Associations.

## HONORS/AWARDS

- BV<sup>®</sup> Distinguished<sup>™</sup> Martindale-Hubbell, 2012
- Golden Key National Honor Society
- Phi Kappa Phi
- Phi Eta Sigma
- Recipient, American Jurisprudence Award
- Cleveland Marshall Law Review

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Litigation
- Commercial Real Estate

## EDUCATION

- Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, Ohio, 1994 **Honors:** Cum Laude
- Ohio University, 1991 **Honors:** Summa Cum Laude

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio, 1994 U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1994