


ATTORNEY BIO



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Notable Experience

Rick was recently profiled in a feature article in the 2005 Edition of Ohio Super Lawyers - Rising Stars. He has also published several peer-reviewed articles in both legal and scientific publications, including Nonbinding Alternative Dispute Resolution Processes in Fisheries Conflicts: Fish Out of Water? 16 Ohio St. J. on Disp. Resol. (2001) 791, and presented seminars on insurance coverage and bad-faith claims, toxic mold and construction defect claims, and genetic introgression and dispersal of hatchery-raised fishes. Since first joining FFA in 2001, Rick has conducted numerous bench and jury trials, and presented many oral arguments to the various Ohio courts of appeal. Rick is a member of the Columbus Bar Association's Dispute Resolution and Environmental Committees.

Before Freund, Freeze & Arnold

During law school, Rick was Articles & Symposium Editor for the Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution, the official journal for the ABA's Section on Dispute Resolution, where he selected non-student articles for publication and organized the Moritz College of Law's annual Dispute Resolution Symposium. He also was a legal intern for the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section, focusing primarily on surface and ground water issues. Rick graduated early from law school to finish defense of his Master's Degree before coming to FFA.

Before law school, Rick was a musician on a major record label, appearing on MTV, and even dabbled in the bass fishing tournament trail. Although born in Columbus, Ohio, Rick grew up on a Texas ranch, where his family raised Quarter Horses for show.

Besides Freund, Freeze & Arnold

Rick enjoys spending time with his wife and son, Ohio State athletics, fishing, music, history and movies. He is also a member of the Columbus Young Professionals, Safety Council of Greater Columbus, and Ohio Trucking Association.

Areas of Practice

- » Appellate Group
- » Bad Faith
- » Business Litigation
- » Construction
- » Employment
- » Governmental Defense
- » Insurance Coverage
- » Insurance Agents/E&O
- » Intentional Torts
- » Legal Malpractice
- » Premises Liability
- » Product Liability
- » School Law
- » Transportation Law

Education

- » Ohio State University
Moritz College of Law
J.D., 2000
- » Ohio State University
B.A. Zoology, 1996
M.S. Evolution, Ecology &
Organismal Biology, 2001

Bar Admissions

- » Ohio
- » Indiana
- » U.S. District Court,
Southern District of Ohio
- » U.S. District Court,
Southern and Northern
Districts of Indiana

Memberships

- » Ohio Association of
Civil Trial Attorneys
- » Columbus Bar Association
- » Ohio State Bar Association
- » Indiana Bar Association