

# ***CURRICULUM VITAE***

## **JOHN M. ALTON**

### **Experience:**

John M. Alton Co., L.P.A.  
88 West Main Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Owner: March 1, 1998 – present

Ray & Alton LLP

Principal: March 1, 1994 – February 28, 1998

Lane, Alton & Horst LLC  
2 Miranova Place  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Associate: November 4, 1977 – December 31, 1981

Partner: January 1, 1982 – February 28, 1994

### **Areas of Concentration**

1. Significant injury and/or wrongful death due to vehicular collisions, medical or nursing home negligence, construction accidents, unsafe premises or other torts;
2. Business litigation;
3. Attorney malpractice;
4. Mediator in personal injury, medical negligence, business litigation and attorney malpractice.

### **Trials**

Have been sole or lead counsel in more than 75 trials.

### **Certification**

Certified as a Civil Trial Advocate (National Board of Trial Advocacy, 1997)

## **Martindale-Hubbell Rating**

AV

## **Recognition**

1. American College of Trial Lawyers (Fellow, 2000 – present)
2. American Board of Trial Advocates (1996 – present)
3. “Ohio Super Lawyers”: Personal Injury Plaintiff – Medical Malpractice (2004 - present)
4. Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum (2002 – present)

## **Professional Memberships and Certifications**

1. Columbus Bar Association (Publications Committee: 1978; Professional Ethics Committee: 1996 – 1999)
2. Columbus Bar Foundation (1982 – present)
3. International Association of Defense Counsel (1984 – 1994)
4. Ohio Supreme Court Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution (1996 – 1998)
5. Central Ohio Association for Justice (1994 – present)
6. Ohio Association for Justice (1994 – present)
7. American Association for Justice (1994 – present)
8. Ohio State Bar Association (1977 – present)
9. Ohio State Bar Foundation (Fellow: 2005 – present)
10. American Bar Association (1977 – present)

## **Speeches and Presentations**

- “Jury Interrogatories”, Columbus Bar Association (1982 & 1983)
- “Trial of a Comparative Negligence Case”, Columbus Bar Association (1983)

- “Pleadings and Discovery”, Columbus Bar Association (1987)
- “Insurance Agents – Errors and Omissions Claims Against”, Columbus Claims Association, Inc. (1990),
- “Uninsured and Underinsured Motorists Coverage in Ohio”. Columbus Claims Association, Inc. (1990)
- “Opening Statements and Closing Arguments”, OSBA CLE Institute (1990)
- “Medical Malpractice, Products Liability, How to Assess Damages: Wage Loss Assessment, Cost of Future Care, and Impairment of Earning Capacity”, National Business Institute, Inc. (1988 – 1991)
- “Mock Deposition – Dental Malpractice”, Ohio Dental Association Annual Meeting (1990 – 1991)
- “Principles of Medical and Hospital Risk Management”, The Medical Protective Company (1992)
- “Anatomy of Medical Negligence Lawsuit”, Columbus and Franklin County Academy of Medicine (1992)
- “Risk Management – Medical Care Providers”, Riverside Methodist Hospital dba OhioHealth (1992)
- “Liability for Failure to Diagnose Chemical Dependency”, Ohio Affiliate of National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (1994)
- “Closing Argument – Plaintiff’s Perspective”, OSBA CLE Institute (1994)
- “Persuasion in Closing Argument”, OSBA CLE Institute (1995)
- “Wrongful Death in Medical Malpractice Cases”, OSBA CLE Institute (1996)
- “Evidence Rule 702 – Beware”, Ohio Association for Justice (1996)
- “Enhancing Damages with Elder Abuse Claims”, OSBA CLE Institute (1997)
- “Direct Examination of Loss of Enjoyment of Life Expert”, OSBA CLE Institute (1998)
- “Shaping Damages Around the Heirs”, OSBA (1999)
- “Ethical Issues for Attorneys”, American College of Trial Lawyers (2000)

- “Hedonic Damages”, National Business Institute, Inc. (2001)
- “Direct Examination of Loss of Chance of Survival Expert”, OSBA CLE Institute (2002)
- “Experts in Proof of Damages”, OSBA CLE Institute (2003)
- “Anatomy of a Medical Negligence Case”, Half Moon Seminars (2009)

### **Publications**

1. “Attorney Malpractice in Franklin County, Ohio”, Columbus Bar Association Briefs (1978)
2. Personal Injury Litigation Practice in Ohio (Co-author, 1988 – 1991)
3. “Ev. R. 702 - Beware”, Trial Magazine (1996)
4. “Contingent Fee Agreements Clarified,” CBA Today, The Daily Reporter (1996)
5. “Anatomy of a Medical Negligence Case”, Half Moon Seminars (2009)
6. “Theobald v. University of Cincinnati – The Duty to Dually File Medical Claims”, Trial Magazine (2010)

### **Bar Admissions**

1. Ohio (1977)
2. U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio (1978)
3. U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio (1994)
4. U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit (1987)
5. U.S. Supreme Court (1988)

### **Education**

1. The Columbus Academy, Gahanna Ohio (1970)
2. Duke University B.A. (Psychology and Religion): Cum Laude with distinction in Psychology (1974)
3. Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law (J.D., 1977)

## **Civic Activities**

1. Chair, Finance Committee to Elect Richard D. Brown, Franklin County Court of Appeals, 10<sup>th</sup> District (2008)
2. Committees to elect or re-elect the following Judges: Ronald E. Plymale, Kimberly Doucher, David E. Cain, John A. Connor, Richard S. Sheward, Patrick M. McGrath, Harland H. Hale, Peggy L. Bryant (1985 – present)
3. Committees to elect or re-elect the following other officeholders: Jim Karnes, (former Franklin County Sheriff); Palmer McNeal (former Franklin County Recorder); and Joseph W. Testa (former County Recorder and Auditor)
4. Gahanna-Jefferson (Ohio) Public Schools
  - a. Co-Chair, Operating Levy (1991)
  - b. Co-Chair, Bond Issue (1992)
5. The Columbus Academy
  - a. Class Agent, Class of '70 (1977 – 2000)
  - b. Alumni Board (1980 – 1983; 1989 – 1992)
6. Eastminster Presbyterian Church
  - a. Board of Trustees (1983 – 1986; President: 1984 – 1986)
7. Windrush Creek Property Owners Association
  - a. President (1992 - 1993)
  - b. Legal Advisor (1986 – present)