



## Michael T. Cappel

Partner

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Mike Cappel is a partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp, where his practice is concentrated in the area of litigation, with a focus on business and commercial litigation, general civil litigation, personal injury litigation, professional negligence, and appellate practice. He also has experience in personal injury litigation, wrongful death litigation, employer intentional tort litigation, real estate and construction litigation, and environmental litigation.

He has represented private companies, public companies, financial institutions, and individuals in a variety of legal matters, including corporate and partnership disputes, zoning disputes, fraud claims, breach of contract claims, and insurance disputes. Mike has litigated cases within federal and state courts, state appellate courts, and private and court-sponsored mediation and arbitration throughout the country, including Ohio, Kentucky, New York, Florida, North Carolina, Louisiana, and Texas.

Mike is very involved with neighborhood redevelopment initiatives in Cincinnati, serving as the president of the College Hill Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (CHCURC) since 2008, as College Hill's representative to Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United since 2008, a member on the City of Cincinnati's Task Force for Innovative Community Development Funding in 2014, a member on Community Development Corporations Association of Greater Cincinnati Board since 2015, a member on the Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United Board since 2016, and appointed by Mayor Cranley and approved by Cincinnati's City Council to serve on the City of Cincinnati's Community Development Advisory Board in 2015 and serve on the City of Cincinnati's Economic Inclusion Advisory Council in 2016.

As president of CHCURC, Mike has led the revitalizations efforts of College Hill for the past ten years. Mike has successfully submitted applications for CHCURC to be awarded more than \$2 million in Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program grants for redevelopment projects (building

### Services

Litigation  
Commercial & Securities Litigation  
Appellate Law  
Arbitration & Mediation  
Construction Litigation  
Banking & Financial Services Litigation  
Insurance Coverage  
Personal Injury / Wrongful Death  
Product Liability

### Admissions

Ohio  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

### Education

J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law, 2005  
B.A., St. Louis University, 2002, *magna cum laude*

### Clerkships

Ohio First District Court of Appeals, 2005-2007

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acquisition and redevelopment, parking lot improvements, and façade improvements), has successfully worked with the City of Cincinnati on \$4 million in land acquisition and demolition projects in College Hill to create a 7.5 acre development opportunity at Hamilton and North Bend and a 2.5 acre development opportunity at Hamilton and Marlowe, and successfully led a \$400,000 capital campaign for CHCURC to purchase and renovate four buildings in College Hill's business district. CHCURC worked with Model Group and Episcopal Retirement Homes on Marlowe Court, a \$11.1 million mixed-use development at the 2.5 acre development opportunity at Hamilton and Marlowe that was completed in 2017, and working with Penrose on College Hill Station, a \$40 million mixed-use development at the 7.5 acre development opportunity at Hamilton and North Bend, which will break ground in 2019. Mike has also led CHCURC in purchasing six additional buildings in the College Hill business district in the last two years, landing the first new tenant for CHCURC in Brink Brewing Co., and positioned CHCURC for additional success with new restaurants to open in 2018.

Prior to joining KMK in 2007, Mike served as a law clerk in the Ohio First District Court of Appeals. Mike earned his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 2005. While in law school, Mike was a fellow with the Lois & Richard Rosenthal Institute for Justice/Ohio Innocence Project and served on the editorial board for the *University of Cincinnati Law Review*. He earned his B.A. from Saint Louis University, *magna cum laude*, in 2002.

Mike received the Community Development Corporations Association of Greater Cincinnati's Most Outstanding CDC Volunteer Award in 2012 and the Josh Weiser Community Service Award from the College Hill Forum in 2013. Mike was inducted into Working in Neighborhoods' Hall of Fame in 2016, and was named to the *Cincinnati Business Courier's* Forty Under 40 in 2017.

## Representative Work

Represents Rumpke in a variety of complex litigation matters, including contract disputes, environmental matters, and tort defense matters

Represents franchisor in contract and trademark disputes with franchisees, in which franchisor has more than 400 franchisees across the United States

Successfully obtained Writ of Mandamus from Ohio Supreme Court in election matter, successfully arguing that a township failed to comply with statutory requirements of R.C. 5705.03 when attempting to certify a tax levy for the ballot

Successfully appealed order of permanent injunction in which trial court had set restrictions on a dirt racetrack and declared the racetrack a private nuisance

Successfully appealed judgment against general contractor by subcontractor, for work contracted directly by owner

Successful defense of owner/general contractor in dispute with subcontractor

Successfully obtained Temporary Restraining Orders and Preliminary Injunctions in landlord/tenant disputes

Representation of majority shareholders in minority shareholder/breach of fiduciary duty matters

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### **Professional and Community Involvement**

Cincinnati Bar Association

Ohio State Bar Association

College Hill Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, Board President, 2008-present

Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United, College Hill Representative, 2008-present, Board Member, 2016-present

Community Development Corporations Association of Greater Cincinnati, Board Member, 2015-present

City of Cincinnati Task Force for Innovative Community Development Funding, Member, 2014

City of Cincinnati Community Development Advisory Board, 2015-present

City of Cincinnati's Economic Inclusion Advisory Council, 2016-present

United Way Board Orientation & Leadership Development Program, Steering Committee Members, 2016-present

Cincinnati Bar Association's Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (CALL Program), Subcommittee Member for Session III – Leadership Skills: Influence, 2017

Salvation Army of Greater Cincinnati, Advisory Board Member, 2015-present

### **Awards & Recognition**

*Cincinnati Business Courier's* Forty Under 40, Class of 2017

Named to *Ohio Rising Stars*, 2015-2019

Inducted into Working in Neighborhoods Hall of Fame, 2016

United Way, Board Orientation & Leadership Development Program, 2016

Cincinnati Bar Association's Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (CALL Program), 2014

College Hill Forum, John Weiser Community Service Award, 2013

Community Development Corporation of Greater Cincinnati, Most Outstanding CDC Volunteer Award, 2012