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**EDUCATION:**

J.D. (Summa cum laude) 1964, The Ohio State University, College of Law  
B.A. (cum laude) 1960, The Ohio State University  
(Honoraries: Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha)

**EMPLOYMENT:**

1965-1968: University of Toledo College of Law, Assistant Professor of Law  
1968-1972: Berkman, Gordon, Kancelbaum & Schwartz, Cleveland, Ohio  
1972-2003: Gold, Schwartz & Co., L.P.A., Cleveland, Ohio  
2003-2004: Schwartz, Kushner & Rendon Co., L.P.A., Cleveland, Ohio  
2005- : Schwartz Downey & Co., L.P.A., Cleveland, Ohio

**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION:**

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

Listed in The Best Lawyers in America, for Mediation, Commercial Litigation, Bet-the-Company Litigation, White-Collar Criminal Defense, Non-White-Collar Criminal Defense and Labor and Employment Litigation

Listed in Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business

Listed in Ohio Super Lawyers  
Top Ten in Ohio (2004-2008)

Listed in Inside Business, Leading Lawyers, for Civil Litigation

**AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS:**

Commendation by the Ohio House of Representatives and Distinguished Service Awards from the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association for facilitating the settlement of the Lucasville Prison Riot (1993)

2004 Recipient of the Cleveland Bar Association's Honorable William K. Thomas Professionalism Award

Ohio State University Moritz College of Law's Honor for reflecting the highest ideals of integrity, leadership and professionalism (2004)

Cleveland Best Lawyers, Bet-the-Company Litigator of the Year (2009)

**UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT APPEARANCES:**

Counsel for Petitioner: Hines v. Anchor Motor Freight, Inc.  
424 U.S. 554 (1976) (Briefs & Oral Argument)

Ward v. Monroeville, 409 U.S. 57 (1972) (Briefs)

Palmer v. City of Euclid  
402 U.S. 544 (1971) (Briefs & Oral Argument)

Counsel for Respondent: United States v. Calandra, 414 U.S. 338 (1974) (Briefs)

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

American Inns of Court (William K. Thomas Chapter), Master Benchers Emeritus

Mediator, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio Federal Court Panel of Alternative Dispute Resolution (1992-2003)

Ohio Department of Education  
Impartial Hearing Officer in Education of the Handicapped Cases  
Referee in Teacher Termination Cases

Ohio Eighth District Judicial Conference, Life Member

Ohio Supreme Court, Rules Advisory Committee (1993-1998), Vice Chair (1998)

Shaker Heights Municipal Court, Acting Judge (1978-1979)

**ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE:**

Supreme Court of Ohio (1964)  
United States Supreme Court (1970)  
United States Court of Appeals For the Sixth Circuit (1967)  
United States District Court For the Northern District of Ohio (1966)

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

Member: Ohio State and Greater Cleveland Bar Associations  
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers