



DAVID A. FIFNER
Civil Trial Lawyer

Mr. Fifner received his undergraduate degree from Stetson University in 1982. Mr. Fifner attended law school at Cleveland State University-John Marshall School of Law where he graduated with a Juris Doctorate in 1985.

Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Fifner served as Secretary and General Counsel to U.S. Truck Lines, Inc. of Delaware, where he managed the legal affairs of the company and its thirty-five subsidiaries. Among Mr. Fifner's duties included the selection and purchase of insurance coverages, the management of worker's compensation claims, the review and approval of all contracts, and the management of all litigation matters throughout the United States including the handling of all claims within the company's \$250,000.00 self-insured retention.

Thereafter, Mr. Fifner joined a private law firm and continued in the defense of commercial trucking matters, representing such companies as Yellow Freight, Inc.; Carolina Freight, Inc.; Munson Trucking, Inc.; and Crete Carrier, Inc. in liability claims through to trial.

In 1991, Mr. Fifner moved in house to one of the country's largest writers of personal lines insurance, where he trained casualty adjusters in claims handling and legal procedures, audited all Florida claims offices, handled excess exposure lawsuits, and supervised and managed claims in litigation.

In 1996, Mr. Fifner returned to the practice of law in the private law firm setting and has continued in the defense of first- and third-party claims of all types, including large-loss litigation through to trial.

Mr. Fifner is admitted to the practice law in the state courts of Ohio and Florida. In addition, Mr. Fifner is admitted to the bars of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Fifner has lectured in such areas as insurance policy law and automobile accident litigation.