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Michael W. DeWitt is an experienced trial and appellate lawyer who has litigated cases in most Ohio counties and in various federal courts across the country. He has argued appellate matters in Ohio appellate courts, and in the Fourth and Sixth Circuit U.S. Courts of Appeal. Mr. DeWitt represents corporate clients in business disputes, both prior to and after the institution of litigation. During his career, Mr. DeWitt has assisted clients in matters involving breach of contract, fraudulent inducement of contract and enforcement and defense of non-compete contracts, as well as defending entities against allegations of bad faith and punitive damages.

Mr. DeWitt is also a known authority and expert in litigating matters on behalf of insurance companies, plan administrators and plan sponsors in both ERISA and non-ERISA matters. A frequent speaker and writer on the topics, Mr. DeWitt draws upon his experience as both an insurance agent and a licensed securities broker to provide a unique perspective and practical solutions to the challenges and issues confronting the insurance industry. While Mr. DeWitt devotes a significant portion of his practice to developing litigation resolution strategies related to life, health and disability insurance claims-handling disputes, he has also represented clients in matters involving property damage and catastrophic personal injuries. His experience includes defending insureds in such matters, as well as representing insurance companies in coverage litigation arising from these incidents.

Mr. DeWitt also represents companies in cases before both insurance and securities regulatory agencies. His representation has included defending and prosecuting cases involving contractual disputes between insurance representatives/agents and their companies, both in court and in arbitrations before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

Mr. DeWitt is also an adjunct professor in Capital University Law School's ABA-accredited paralegal program where he teaches legal research and writing.

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## Education

- Ohio University (1993) - B.A. History
- Capital University Law School (1996) - Juris Doctor, with honors

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## Primary Practice Areas

- Extra-Contractual/Bad Faith
- Employment Law
- First Party Coverage
- Professional Liability
- Third Party Coverage

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## Bar Memberships & Court Admissions

- The State of Ohio (1996)
- US District Court for Northern District Ohio (1997)
- US District Court for Southern District Ohio (1998)
- US District Court for Eastern District Michigan (2005)
- US District Court for Western District Michigan (2004)
- Fourth Circuit US Court of Appeals (2004)
- Sixth Circuit US Court of Appeals (1999)

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## Speaking Engagements and Published Works

*Volume 8, New Appleman on Insurance Law Library Edition, §§ 94-1 through 94-37, Disability Insurance*

*US Airways v. McCutchen: Supreme Court Reverses Third Circuit Court of Appeals April 2013*

*Arkansas Joins States Prohibiting Discretionary Authority in Disability Income Policies, January 2013*

*Superstorm Sandy and Its Clean-Up Efforts May Have Long-Term Effects on Health and Disability Claims, December 2012*

*Fourth Circuit Ruling Expands ERISA Remedies Based on Cigna Corp. v. Amara, July 2012*

*State Regulators Focus on Changing Life Insurance Payment Practices, June 2012*

*Effectively Communicating Right of Denial Crucial for Disability Claims, June 2012*

*Florida Decision Highlights Availability of Fraud on the Court Sanction, May 2012*

*Life Insurance Policy Valid Regardless of Suspected Misrepresentations, February 2012*

*US Airways v. McCutchen: Health Plans' Ability to Seek Reimbursement from Beneficiaries May be Hindered, December 2011*

*The State of Construction Industry Liability in Ohio after Brennaman v. R.M.I., Co., 24 Cap U.L. Rev. 649.*

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## Presentations

*The Judicial Treatment and Future Impact of State Laws Prohibiting Discretionary Authority, October 2012*

2012 DRI Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA)

*Requirements of SEC Rule 38-1, September 30, 2012*

Association of Insurance Compliance Professionals Annual Conference (San Antonio, TX)