



## Michael D. Shroge

Partner

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### Overview

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Michael Shroge has dedicated his career to securing justice for individuals and families devastated by medical negligence and catastrophic injury. As a partner in DiCello Levitt's Cleveland office, Michael is a relentless advocate for victims of medical malpractice, poor nursing home care, high-stakes personal injury, and wrongful death claims. A top-tier trial lawyer with decades of experience navigating complex medical litigation, he has built a reputation for representing patients against powerful hospitals and clinics, physicians and health care workers, and other corporate health care entities that fail them.

A former elite figure skater, Michael represented the United States at the 1988 Junior World Championships and competed on the U.S. National Figure Skating Team for several years before turning his focus toward academics and the courtroom. After earning his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, he began his legal career on the defense side, working at one of Ohio's largest medical malpractice defense firms and later serving as associate general counsel at the Cleveland Clinic.

Over the years, Michael has secured significant victories for victims of medical negligence, including in a nearly decade-long case that reached the Supreme Court of Ohio, where he fought to overturn a lower court ruling and allow his client's case to proceed. His cases have spanned birth injuries, wrongful deaths caused by medication errors, and emergency room failures that led to preventable tragedies. In one particularly striking case, Michael successfully represented a widow whose husband died of a heart attack after a hospital emergency department illegally refused to treat him, securing justice for the grieving family and exposing systemic failures in hospital emergency care.

Michael's relentless pursuit of justice extends beyond the courtroom. He has been a powerful advocate in the Ohio Legislature, lobbying for laws that protect the rights of injured patients and

ensure fair compensation for victims of medical malpractice. His contributions to legal reform have earned him multiple Distinguished Service Awards from the Ohio Association for Justice.

Recognized as an Ohio Super Lawyer for over a decade, Michael is also a sought-after speaker on legal ethics, professionalism, and trial strategy. Outside of his practice, Michael remains active in his community, dedicating his time to local arts initiatives and youth sports programs.

## Practice Areas

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PERSONAL INJURY

## Education

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Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, J.D. Cleveland State University, B.A.

## Representative Matters

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*Kennedy, Exr. Of the Estate of Gerres, Appellant v. Western Reserve Senior Care, et al., Appellees*, 2024-Ohio-5565

*Larry Hewitt v. The L.E. Myers Co., et al.*, Cuyahoga County Case No. 711717

*Anthony Barber v. Harry Persaud, M.D., et al.*, Cuyahoga County Case No. 790577

## Awards & Honors

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Ohio Super Lawyers Honoree, **Super Lawyers** (2011-2025)

Thomas Henretta Distinguished Advocate Award, **Ohio Association for Justice** (2018)

Distinguished Service Award, **Ohio Association for Justice** (2012, 2016)

## Publications & Presentations

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### Publications

"A Call to Action," *Ohio Trial*, Ohio Association for Justice, July 2014

"Decline of Patient Safety," *Ohio Trial*, Ohio Association for Justice December 2014

### Presentations

“Using Medical Experts and Records to Determine Cause of Death,” National Business Institute, CLE presentation, 2019

Ohio House of Representatives Civil Justice Committee, House Bill 7 Opposition Testimony, March 8th, 2017

Ohio Senate Judiciary, Civil Justice Committee, testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 129, May 4, 2011

## **Admissions & Memberships**

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### **Bar Admissions**

Ohio

### **Court Admissions**

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

### **Memberships**

Ohio Association for Justice, Legislative Committee

Ohio State Bar Association

Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio, working group on specialty medical tort courts