

Richard G. Stuhan

Richard G. Stuhan was, until his retirement, a litigation partner for Jones Day, resident in the Cleveland Office. During his 40 year career, he has been engaged in complex litigation, including class actions and multidistrict actions, in federal and state courts nationwide. For nearly a quarter of a century, Rick devoted a substantial portion of his practice to the defense of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in suits brought by smokers seeking to recover for illnesses attributed to smoking. He also served as national coordinating counsel for Fruehauf Trailer Corporation in over 400 products liability and other cases and coordinated the defense of the Firm's eight hospital system clients in several dozen class actions alleging that the hospitals did not perform enough charity work to justify their tax exemptions. Rick has had extensive experience in jury selection and jury research, including designing and conducting over a hundred focus group exercises and mock trials and handling dozens of post-verdict debriefings.

Rick has published extensively on jury issues, class actions, health care, and civil procedure, and has lectured frequently on those and other topics. Rick has been president of his community association, chaired a successful referendum campaign, served as chairman of the board of a maternal/prenatal care center, is a member of the Cleveland Bar Association's Civility and Professionalism Committee, and is active in his church. He is married with four grown children and is now a licensed professional baseball and softball umpire.