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Forrest A. Norman is a shareholder of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. and serves as Chair of the firm's Church Law Group and Co-Chair of the Railroad Law, Litigation and Regulatory Counsel Group. Mr. Norman concentrates his practice in the areas of church law, general litigation, outside general counsel services, product liability, and railroad law. He devotes much of his practice to representing churches, offering a full range of services including all aspects of tort litigation, property, and ecclesiastical disputes and counsels non-profit 501(c)(3) entities.

Practice Focus

- Church Law
- Outside General Counsel Services
- Product Liability
- Railroad Law, Litigation and Regulatory Counsel

Professional Accomplishments

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell® since 2009
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 1995: Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants and Railroad Law

Representative Matters

- Extensive jury trial experience representing both U.S. domestic and international-based manufacturers and distributors in product liability matters
- Defense of railroad carriers in FELA cases, crossing claims, and tort actions
- Serves as lead trial counsel in tort actions on behalf of developers and commercial property owners
- Experience encompassing medical malpractice defense and toxic tort defense
- Appeared and argued appellate cases at all levels, including six state Supreme Courts, Federal Circuits, and briefing before the United States Supreme Court

Speaking Engagements

- “The Business of Christian Law” (Moderator/Speaker); Christian Legal Society National Conference; Boston, MA; 10/4–10/8/2023
- “Ethical Billing/Ethical Expectations” (Presenter); National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel Annual Conference; Chicago, IL; 7/26/2022
- “Statements of Faith and Codes of Conduct in Religious Employment” (Speaker); Christian Legal Society National Conference; Chicago, IL; 10/31–11/3/2019
- “Security and Legal Liability for the Church” (Speaker); private webinar presentation; 2017 and 2018
- “Ethics and Billing” (Speaker); Christian Legal Society National Conference; Newport Beach, CA; 10/27–28/2017
- “Ethical Billing/Ethical Expectations” (Speaker); National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel; 2017
- “Violence, Security, and Church Liability” (Speaker), Christian Legal Society National Conference; Washington, D.C.; 10/22/2016
- National Overview of Church Property Law, Resourcing the Re-Formation of the Church Webinar; New Wineskins Association of Churches; Oct. 2011
- “Getting the Most Out of the Crew” – an approach to working with potentially difficult witnesses; National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel; July 2010
- “Church Property Battles: The Litigation Front”; The Presbyterian Lay Committee 35th Annual Faith and Life Conference; Waynesburg, PA; June 2008
- “Litigation and Church Property Trust Law”; New Wineskins Association of Churches’ Annual Convention; Tulsa, OK; July 2006
- “Church Property Law: Ownership Rights in Division”; Presbyterian Lay Committee National Conference; Grove City, PA; June 2006
- “Careers and Opportunities” (Panelist); Case Western Reserve University; Cleveland, OH; April 2006

Publications

- *A Guide To Church Property Law* (Contributing Author); Luncford (General Editor); Reformation Press, 2010
- “Managing Best Practices: The \$100-Million Wake-Up Call – More Claims Seeking Damages From Employers for Birth Defects,” *Industrial Safety and Hygiene News E-Newsletter*, 4/1/2004 Interview
- “Direct Examination of the Defendant Doctor in a Medical Malpractice Case,” *Quarterly Review*, Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, Vol. 35, Issue 1, Winter 2000, p. 39

Admissions and Licenses

- Ohio Bar Admission
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- Supreme Court of the United States

Memberships

- American Inns of Court – Judge John M. Manos Chapter (Master Benchers)

- Christian Legal Society
- Cleveland Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (President 2001-2002)
- Defense Research Institute
- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
- National Lawyers Association (Past Chairman, Faith and Law Committee)
- Ohio State Bar Association

Community Involvement

- United States Marine Corps (Officer 1986-1989)
- Presbyterian Lay Committee (past Chairman)
- Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (Volunteer)
- Reformation Press (Board Member)

Education

- Case Western Reserve University, J.D. (1992); *Journal of International Law* (Editor-in-Chief 1992); Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity
- Case Western Reserve University, B.A. (1986), *cum laude*

