



**R. Jeffrey Pollock**

**Senior Of Counsel**

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After retiring as a Member in 2017, Jeff remains with the firm as Senior Of Counsel focusing on civic matters and pro bono counseling and litigation. He has been Chair of the firm's Pro Bono Committee since 2015.

Prior to his retirement, Jeff represented public and private corporations and business professionals in all aspects of litigation in federal and state courts and before various arbitration venues, specializing in general business litigation. Jeff practiced with Burke, Haber & Berick as an associate and partner from 1976-90. He was a member of McDonald Hopkins from 1990-2017.

From 2001-05, he served as General Counsel for Metaldyne Corporation. Metaldyne was a manufacturer of high quality steel components and subassemblies for the automobile industry with facilities in the United States and throughout the world.

Jeff earned his J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law. He received a M.T.S. from Harvard Divinity School and a B.A. from DePauw University.

**Representative Cases/Matters**

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Counsel in the following representative pro bono cases:

- Represented mental health organizations as amici curiae in State ex rel. McQueen v. Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, 135 Ohio St.3d 291, 2013-Ohio-65, in which the Supreme Court of Ohio established the right to counsel in guardianship termination hearings.
- Represented mental health organization as amici curiae in State of Ohio v. Jeffrey D. Belew, 140 Ohio St.3d 221 (2014) involving PTSD as a factor in the legal defense of a crime.
- Represented the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association as relator in attorney disciplinary cases including Cleveland Metro. Bar Assn. v. Kealy, 125 Ohio St.3d 238, 2010-Ohio-1554; Cleveland Metro. Bar Assn. v. McFaul, 120 Ohio St.3d 293, 2008-Ohio-6145; Cleveland Metro. Bar Assn. v. Toohig, 133 Ohio St.3d 548, 2012-Ohio-5202; Cleveland Metro. Bar Assn. v. Sleibi, 144 Ohio St.3d 257, 2015-Ohio-2724; and Cleveland Metro. Bar Assn. v. Frenden, 149 Ohio St.3d 548, 2016-Ohio-7198.
- Represented the NAACP in post decree litigation in Goodwine v. Taft, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Case No. 3:75-CV-00304.

**Admissions - Court**

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- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. Supreme Court

### Admissions - State

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- Ohio
- Michigan

### Education

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- Northeastern University School of Law
- DePauw University
- Harvard Divinity School

### Honors and Awards

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- NAACP Civil Rights Champion Award, 2012
- Legal Aid Society of Cleveland Community Impact Award, 2015
- 2020 Recipient of the Ohio State Bar Association Ramey Award for Distinguished Community Service

### Professional Membership

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- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.
  - Trial Counsel in Disciplinary Proceedings before the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, 2010-present.
- Ohio State Bar Association.
- Ohio Eighth District Judicial Conference, Life Member.
- Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference, Life Member.
- Adjunct Professor, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 1994-2000.
- American Arbitration Association, Member, National Roster of Neutrals

### Public Service and Volunteerism

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- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Mental Health Task Force, 2010-14.
- Deaconess Community Foundation, Trustee, 2008-17.
- Disability Rights, Ohio, Director 2019-present.
- Harvard Divinity School Leadership Council, 2005-present.
- Magnolia Clubhouse, Trustee, 2007-15.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness Greater Cleveland, Trustee, 2010-16.

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- Recovery Resources, Trustee, 2013-18.
- Retirement Housing Foundation, Trustee, 2017-present.
- United Church of Christ Cornerstone Fund, Trustee, 1999-2005 and 2007-12.
- Woodruff Foundation, Trustee, 2013-2019.

## News

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- Pollock Honored by OSBF as 2020 recipient of The Ramey Award for Distinguished Community Service