

# Nicholas J. Hanek

PARTNER

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Nicholas Hanek is an experienced advocate in courts throughout Ohio. Throughout his career, he has fought for clients both in and out of the courtroom. He treats each case individually, focusing on solving unique problems in the most effective and efficient manner.

## **Criminal Law Practice:**

In his criminal practice, Nicholas' most effective work happens behind the scenes – because success often means keeping his clients out of the public eye. But when litigation is unavoidable, he is a battle-tested trial attorney who thrives in the courtroom. A former assistant prosecutor and special prosecutor, Nicholas' criminal practice includes:

- Appellate & Post-Conviction Representation
- Computer & Cybercrime Defense
- Drug Charges & Violent Crime Defense
- Financial & Tax Crime Defense
- Firearm & Weapon Offense Defense
- Juvenile Criminal Defense
- Student Misconduct & Campus Crime Defense
- OVI/DUI & Traffic Violation Defense
- Theft & Fraud Defense
- White-Collar Crime & Corporate Investigation Defense

## **Family Law Practice:**

As a part of the Divorce and Family Law Department, he helps individuals and families navigate issues in Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts, including issues surrounding divorce, child custody, domestic violence, property division, child support, and spousal support. He strives to support and understand the needs of his clients and to help them navigate the stress and difficulties that come with issues involving your family and children.

He has successfully tried cases in counties throughout Ohio, and he uses his trial experience to negotiate favorable settlements and to successfully argue in court when necessary.

## **Practice Areas**

Criminal  
Divorce & Family Law  
Civil & Commercial  
Litigation  
Mediation

## **Education**

J.D., University of Akron  
School of Law

B.A., cum laude, Case  
Western Reserve  
University

## **Credentials**

Licensed in U.S. District  
Court, Northern District  
and all Ohio state courts

**Litigation Practice:**

Nicholas represents individual clients, governmental entities, and businesses across complex areas of public and private law, including government law, civil rights litigation and various other complex claims.

The combination of courtroom skill and policy fluency enables him to deliver both strategic litigation and proactive guidance.

**Professional and Civic Engagement:**

- Member, LawPact®
- Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, LifeAct®
- Council President and Vice Mayor, City of Brunswick
- Ward 2 Councilman, City of Brunswick, 2016-present
- Volunteer, Supreme Court of Ohio Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program
- Frequent Guest Lecturer: University of Akron School of Law, Cleveland State University College of Law, and George Washington University Law School
- Former Member, Board of Zoning Appeals, City of Brunswick
- Former Adjunct Law Professor, Juvenile Law, University of Akron
- Past Chair and Vice Chair, Board of Commissioners, Medina County Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Past Chair, United Way of Medina County

**Recognition and Honors:**

- Rising Star®, Ohio Super Lawyer, 2018

Nicholas resides with his family in Brunswick, where he is an active member of the community. He serves as the Council President and Vice Mayor of the City of Brunswick.