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For more than 30 years, Zagrans Law Firm LLC has provided insightful advice and valuable representation to clients with complex business litigation and transactional needs.





n our practice, there is no such thing as a typical case," says Eric Zagrans, managing partner of Zagrans Law Firm. "We're a national trial and appellate firm focusing on complex civil litigation, including business and corporate disputes, shareholder litigation, securities litigation, class actions, officer and director liability, professional liability cases, and so-called "business divorces" involving the partners of closely held companies."

Even prior to founding his firm in 1994, Zagrans already had a diverse legal career, serving as a professor at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law and as a partner in an Am Law 100 firm. From there, he was recruited by Ernst & Whinney—the international auditing, accounting, and management consulting firm—to become national director of litigation. Eventually, it merged with Arthur Young & Co. to form one of the Big Four professional services firms, Ernst & Young. Zagrans was named its Associate General Counsel, a position he remained in until founding his own law firm.

In the decades since, Zagrans has represented a wide range of clients, from Fortune 500 companies to mid-market businesses and entrepreneurial startups. Much of his work has been at the national level with state cases interspersed throughout his career—presenting arguments in cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, in dozens of cases in the U.S. Courts of Appeals and the Supreme Courts of Ohio and California, and in trial courts in almost half the districts in the federal judicial system and more than half of the state jurisdictions nationwide. For Zagrans, the complexity of the work and issues is part of the challenge and the appeal.

"I would find practicing the same thing over and over again to be stultifyingly boring," he says. "I like learning new things. When I go into a courtroom, whether it's to argue a motion, try a case to a jury, or make an appellate argument, I feel like it constitutes my stage, my classroom, my laboratory. Regardless of the issue, I can always seem to find something new, exciting, and interesting about it."

DECADES OF EXPERTISE

"Whatever the matter, it's likely to be the most important thing in the client's life or business," says Zagrans. "In representing my clients to the best of my ability, their matter is the number one priority for me. My job is to achieve the most favorable outcome while being mindful not to unnecessarily impose on the client's time. I never want a client to lose business opportunities or be unable to attend to their business because they're tied up in litigation."

This client-focused approach has helped Zagrans earn top ratings and recognitions from legal industry groups such as Martindale-Hubbell, U.S. News & World Report, Chambers USA, and Ohio Super Lawyers*. While best known for his high-profile work on bet-the-company litigation and appeals, Zagrans regularly helps clients with their transactional needs such as business mergers and acquisitions, contract formation, and real estate disputes. Irrespective of the situation, the focus is always on the clients' goals.

"We take the matters entrusted to us as seriously as our clients do," Zagrans says. "Clients seek us out because of that attitude and because of our great track record for achieving outstanding results."

