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### Education

J.D., Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 1972

B.S., Chemical Engineering, Cleveland State University, 1969

### Bar Admissions

Ohio Bar, 1972

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

### Memberships

American Intellectual Property Law Association

Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association (President, 1999-2000, Vice President, 1996-97, Treasurer, 1981-83, Chairman of the Chemical Practice Committee, 1985-86 and 1988-89, and Chairman of the Ethics and Unauthorized Practice Committee, 1979-80)

### Summary

Mr. DuChez is a senior partner in the firm's Chemical and Biochemical Practice Group. He began his career as an attorney by working as in-house counsel for two Fortune 500 companies. He joined the firm in 1980 and within three years became a partner. Mr. DuChez has over 35 years of experience in the practice of intellectual property law in the areas of patent preparation and prosecution, counseling and litigation.

Currently, Mr. DuChez's practice primarily focuses in the areas of client counseling and patent preparation and prosecution in the chemical, biochemical and mechanical arts. As part of his diversified practice, Mr. DuChez's represents numerous domestic and foreign corporations and assists his clients in the management of their intellectual property.

Over the course of his career, he has lectured before numerous groups, including various bar associations in the United States and the patent staffs of foreign corporations and lawfirms in Europe and Asia. Mr. DuChez has been named an Ohio Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics*.

### Interests

Mr. DuChez enjoys golfing, traveling and reading.