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Thomas Scanlon

Thomas J. Scanlon was born on Cleveland's West Side to Thomas J. and Marie (Grady) Scanlon and, like many Clevelanders, traces his roots to County Mayo. Married more than 40 years to Anita Scanlon, he has four daughters and five grandchildren.

A graduate of St. Ignatius High School, John Carroll University and Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Scanlon is a recognized leader in the legal community. In addition to all the courts of the State of Ohio, he is admitted to practice law in the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. Court of Customs. He has a history of activity with the American, Ohio State and Cleveland bar associations, as well as with his law school alumni associations. Scanlon's many professional activities, past and/or present, include the Board of Bar Examiners of the State of Ohio, the Merit Selection Panel for the U.S. District Court, various judicial conferences and the Northern Ohio U.S. District Court's Alternative Dispute Resolution Panel.

Scanlon's firm, Collins and Scanlon LLP, concentrates on representing family businesses which are owned and managed by the same people. He has represented individuals throughout the United States and Europe, including transactions in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Active in a wide variety of community organizations, Scanlon's service in this arena is equally impressive. A member of St. Bernadette Parish, he currently chairs the board of the West Side Ecumenical Ministry. Also, he is a past president and current trustee of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America, an interest prompted by the loss of a grandchild to leukemia some years ago. The Junior League and the National Association of Industrial and Office Parks have had his services and his involvement with Irish organizations has included membership in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Irish American Archives Society and the Irish Heritage and Cultural Center.

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