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Attorney Austin LiPuma is a Partner and the Personal Injury Department Director at Freking Myers & Reul. Since its beginning, Austin's career has been exclusively focused on representing plaintiffs. During law school, he clerked for Judge Patricia Oney (retired) in the Butler County Court of Common Pleas, served as an instructor with the Law & Leadership Institute focused on bettering education for students in underserved areas, and was a research assistant for Professor Emerita Marianna Bettman where he assisted with the acclaimed blog *Legally Speaking Ohio*.

Austin has centrally focused his career on representing injured people. From dog bites to catastrophic trucking cases, he has recovered millions on behalf of his clients along the way. His first-chair trial experience has equipped him with the skillset to handle all aspects of personal injury litigation including depositions, mediations, hearings, and jury trials.

Austin is a proud double graduate of University of Cincinnati where he earned both his undergraduate and law degrees. He was actively involved in Cincinnati's Mock Trial Association and U.C. Law's Moot Court. Austin was also on the executive board of the student-run Freedom Center Journal, a mentor with the Student Legal Education Committee, and a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution club. For the last 14 years, Austin has acted as head coach for University of Cincinnati's nationally ranked Mock Trial Association.

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## LEGAL CAREER

Partner | Personal Injury Director, Freking Myers & Reul LLC  
Associate, Dyer Garofalo Mann & Schultz

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Wrongful Death  
Nursing Home  
Auto, Truck, Pedestrian and Motorcycle Accidents  
Premises Liability  
Employment

## EDUCATION

J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law - Cum Laude  
B.A., University of Cincinnati - Magna Cum Laude, Departmental High Honors

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Ohio Association for Justice, Ab Initio Chair/Board of Trustees  
Southwest Ohio Trial Lawyers Association, Treasurer  
Co-Founder/Chair, Torts & Insurance Group, CBA  
Cincinnati Bar Association  
Ohio State Bar Association  
For Love Of Children (“FLOC”), Presentation Director/Board Member

## **LICENSES/ADMISSIONS**

State of Ohio, 2016  
State of Indiana, 2017  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, 2016  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana, 2017  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana, 2017

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

“Top Lawyers in Cincinnati”, *Cincinnati Magazine* 2026  
Best Lawyers in America “Ones to Watch” 2023 - 2026  
Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2020 – 2026  
The National Trial Lawyers, Civil Plaintiff - Top 40 under 40  
Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers, Class 25  
Schmieg & Weill Award for Outstanding Contribution to Moot Court  
Norman I. Barron Award for Demonstrated Leadership and Integrity  
John R. Saylor Prize for Achievement of Highest Grade in Evidence  
Order of The Barristers  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Best Overall Score/Best Oral Advocate, Moot Court Honor Board

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Unlocking Medical Record Charges”, *Ohio Trial Vol. 33*, Spring 2025  
*The Personal Injury Primer* by Austin LiPuma  
*Personal Injury Claims During a Pandemic and Beyond:*  
    Treatment, Technology, & Telehealth: Receiving Care During COVID-19  
    I contracted COVID-19 at work—do I have a personal injury claim?  
    The (Surprise) Billing Stops Here  
    Snow & Ice; Nothing is Nice  
    “Beyond” What Will We Take With Us?  
A “Comparative” Look at Ohio’s Open & Obvious Doctrine Co-Author, *Dayton Bar Briefs*, Feb. 2018  
Student Contributor, *Legally Speaking Ohio*

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Pain in the Rear-End: Handling Liability Disputes, OAJ Winter Convention ‘25  
Stay Alert: Commercial Carrier Considerations, MyLawCLE  
Ohio Auto Injury Litigation 2024, NBI  
Cross with Care: Legal challenges in bicycle and pedestrian accidents with motor vehicles, MyLawCLE  
Medical Records Retrieval Update, Southwest Trial Lawyers Association  
Motor Vehicle Accidents: An A-Z Litigation, NBI  
Trucking Law, Northeast Lawyers Club  
Truck Law, Lawyers’ Club of Cincinnati

Ohio Auto Injury Litigation 2024, NBI  
Auto Injury Claims in Ohio: Negotiating Liens on Auto Injury Settlements: ERISA and More, NBI  
Using Easily Accessible Resources to Build Your Case, OAJ Winter Conference  
Communication Tips for Paralegals, Cincinnati Paralegal Association  
Zooming Towards The Future: Continuing Pandemic Practices, CBA  
Continuing Practice Through COVID-19: An overview on developing and continuing best practices that promote efficacy, safety, and sustainability in representing clients during a pandemic, CBA  
Tort & Insurance Law Legal Basics, CBA  
“Freecon” What You Can Find Online at No Cost, Southwest Ohio Trial Lawyers Association  
Ohio Personal Injury Litigation: Secrets Only the Top Attorneys Know, NBI  
“Practicing in an Increasingly Virtual World”, CBA

## **RECENT RESULTS**

\$3.9 Million Golf Cart Accident resulting in wrongful death (with Mark Napier)  
\$1 Million Trucking Collision resulting in wrongful death  
\$900,000 Trucking Collision involving fractured femur  
\$860,000 Motor Vehicle Accident involving trauma  
\$750,000 Trucking Collision involving shoulder injury  
\$425,000 Pedestrian Accident involving fractured foot  
\$350,000 Motor Vehicle Accident involving fractured leg  
\$350,000 Trucking Collision involving disc herniation  
\$300,000 Motorcycle Accident  
\$250,000 Dog Bite to lower extremities  
\$175,000 Dog Bite involving facial scar  
\$170,000 Chemical Exposure  
\$150,000 Burn involving a lit cigarette  
\$115,000 Surgical Foreign Object  
\$105,000 Motor Vehicle Accident Involving head injury  
\$105,000 Motor Vehicle Accident involving facial injury  
\$100,000 Horseback Riding incident involving fractured arm  
\$100,000 Pedestrian versus Motor Vehicle involving PTSD  
\$100,000 Motor Vehicle Accident with shoulder Injury