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Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA

There's a reason why Chuck's clients *stay* his clients – for decades.

Charles "Chuck" always knew he wanted to become an attorney, dating back to his high school days. But not even he could have predicted that, 40 years later, he'd be a leader in the same firm he joined shortly out of law school. It's not often that you find someone with that kind of tenure, and that kind of commitment. But that's what you get when you partner with Chuck. His unparalleled sense of loyalty is felt by his colleagues within the firm, as well as by the clients he serves – many of whom today are the very same clients he served four decades ago.

Whether they are a large corporation with high volumes of consumer files, or an insurance carrier looking for reimbursement on a subrogation claim, Chuck treats each and every one of his clients with a high degree of care and attention. He understands their need to collect the most they possibly can on their delinquent accounts and claims, and he makes it his mission to execute a thoughtful, organized, and successful recovery plan.

In 2021, Chuck transitioned into his current role of managing partner. He previously led Weltman's largest practice area, Consumer Collections, and served as a mentor for the firm's attorneys across many different areas, including subrogation, collateral recovery, and probate recovery. As a member of the firm's management committee, he is in part responsible for key financial decisions and the overarching business strategy. Chuck is also a leader within the larger credit and collections industry, and has held many notable positions over the years, including his current seat on the Collections Advisory Board for TransUnion, one of the largest credit bureaus in the country. In his free time, Chuck enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, and being outdoors.

Focus Areas

- ▶ Commercial Collections
- ▶ Consumer Collections
 - ▶ Subrogation

The single solution for every single creditor.™

Honors & Distinctions

- ▶ Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated Attorney

Admissions

- ▶ Ohio, 1987
- ▶ Pennsylvania, 1998
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, 1988
- ▶ U.S. Supreme Court, 2008

Education

- ▶ J.D., Cleveland State University Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 1986
- ▶ B.S., *magna cum laude*, Business Administration, Bowling Green State University, 1982

Affiliations

- ▶ National Association of Subrogation Professionals: Member
- ▶ National Creditors Bar Association: President, 2003-05
- ▶ Northern Ohio Credit Association: Member
- ▶ Ohio State Bar Association: Member
- ▶ Fraternal Order of Police #27: Member
- ▶ Gilmour Inc. Knights of Columbus: Legal Advisor
- ▶ Schnurmann House: Secretary of the Board of Directors, 2017-current

Publications

- ▶ Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA Receives 2018 President's Award from National Creditors Bar Association
Weltman News; October 5, 2018
- ▶ Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA Shareholder Selected to Serve on Chester Township Board of Zoning Appeals
Weltman News; November 10, 2016
- ▶ Weltman Shareholder Charles G. Pona New Secretary of the Board for Schnurmann House
Weltman News; July 6, 2016
- ▶ Weltman Wins Multiple Awards
Weltman News; June 1, 2010