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In the early 1990s, **WARNER MENDENHALL** served two terms on Akron's City Council where he challenged the legality and constitutionality of City Council's actions, even when faced with overwhelming opposition by entrenched politicians. This effort to bring accountability to our local government led him to study law and become an attorney in 1998. His activist background shaped his legal practice which is focused on stopping local government abuses, representing whistleblowers, and protecting civil rights.

Warner represents brave whistleblowers who expose the misuse of federal dollars in local government grant programs, military contracting, Medicare and Medicaid programs, and at for-profit proprietary or career schools. These actions, brought under the Federal False Claims Act, empower citizens to act on behalf of the Federal Government to recover misspent and wasted funds. To date, Warner's clients have helped return almost \$20,000,000.00 to the United States Treasury.

Warner has represented home owners and business owners defend themselves against eminent domain actions by The City of Akron, The University of Akron, The City of Green, Cuyahoga County, and The City of Canton. In a recent case he won a \$3.1 million dollar verdict for a business owner whose property was being seized by the University of Akron. The verdict was several times the amount offered for the land at issue.

Warner also knows that without access to public records, citizens cannot hold their government accountable. He has represented citizens throughout the State of Ohio to gain access to local, state, and national public records. In one case, he litigated against the U.S. EPA, DOE, and Army, under the Freedom of Information Act, seeking documentation of radioactive dumping in Uniontown, Ohio. In another case, he helped City of Akron employees prove that hundreds of time records had been destroyed by the City depriving them of overtime pay.

Finally, on a pro bono basis, Warner helped develop language in Akron's City Charter pertaining to campaign finance reform and language that blocks the sale or lease of public utilities to private corporations without citizen approval.

Warner considers it a privilege to represent the citizen activists, whistleblowers, and business owners who choose to fight for justice.

Federal False Claims Act-
helping whistleblowers stop
Medicare, Medicaid, defense,
and grant fraud.

Eminent Domain Defense-
ensuring that citizens receive
fair value when government
takes their land.

Local Government Law-
holding local governments
accountable.

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Bar Admissions:

Ohio Supreme Court, 1998

U.S. District Court Northern District of Ohio, 1998

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, 2009.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Ohio, 1998

U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 1999

U.S. Supreme Court, 2008

United States Tax Court, 2009

Education:

University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio, May, 1998 JD

Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, United States, May, 1996, MA Political Science

The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, United States, December, 1985
BA Political Science

La Universidad Javeriana, Bogota, Colombia attended various courses in 1983

The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio attended 1980 to 1982

Representative cases

United States ex rel. Hudson v. St. Jude Medical Devices, Inc., N.D. Ohio, Case No. 1:06CV2152. Settled in 2010 for \$3.7 million.

Frank v. City of Akron, 290 F.3d 813 (6th Cir.(Ohio) May 22 2002). Successful defense of the City of Akron's campaign finance laws.

Kish v. Akron, 846 N.E.2d 811 (Ohio Supreme Court 2006). Successful defense of an appeal by the City of Akron of a \$1.7 million dollar public records destruction verdict.

Mendenhall v. City of Akron, 2006 WL 3469999 (cert. question to Ohio S. Ct.) (N.D. Ohio November 30th 2006). Unsuccessful effort to end traffic cameras.

Representative Clients:

Target Electronics Corporation
Neighbors for Responsible Land Use
Hickory Street Neighborhood Coalition
Families Against City Transfer Stations
Concerned Citizens of Lake Township
Precious Lives Animal Rescue
South Shore Leasing Company

Professional Associations and Memberships:

Scanlon Inn of Court - Barrister
Ohio State Bar Association
Ohio Association for Justice
Summit County Trial Lawyers Association
Akron Bar Association
Akron Law Library Association
Taxpayers Against Fraud

Practice Categories:

Federal False Claims, Administrative Hearings & Adjudication, Discrimination, Eminent Domain, Freedom of Information, Freedom of Press, Freedom of Speech, Voting Rights, Election & Campaign Law, Employee Rights, Federal Contracts, Government Contracts, Medicare & Medicaid, Nursing Home, Federal Appellate Practice, Federal Trial Practice, State Appellate Practice, State Trial Practice, US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Personal Injury -- Plaintiff, Motor Vehicle Accidents -- Plaintiff, Wrongful Death -- Plaintiff, Real Estate Law, Condemnation, Land Use & Zoning, Landlord/Tenant, Whistleblower/Qui Tam