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Mr. Tafaro practices in the areas of business law, specifically commercial transactions, commercial litigation, real estate and business consulting.

Mr. Tafaro received his undergraduate degree from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio in 1976. In 1977 he received an M.Ed. with an emphasis in Sports Administration from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

Mr. Tafaro received his J.D. from Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University in 1982. He was admitted to the practice of law in Kentucky in 1982 and Ohio in 1983.

Mr. Tafaro's litigation experience includes representation of plaintiffs in commercial disputes in federal court in both Ohio and Wisconsin. His commercial transaction work includes representation of both buyers and sellers in business transactions ranging in size from \$100,000 to more than \$20 million. Mr. Tafaro has extensive experience in a variety of real estate transactions, including leases, sales, purchases, condemnation, financing and zoning and variance disputes.

In addition to his legal experience, Mr. Tafaro's career has included substantial day to day responsibility for the operation of various businesses including Cincinnati Riverfront Coliseum (a multi-purpose sports and entertainment facility), Beechmont Optical Retail Stores, NuOptics (an optical manufacturer and wholesaler), Kleancom, Inc. (commercial cleaning services), Select-A-Seat (a computerized entertainment ticketing company), and Buddy's Carpet & Flooring LLC. He is chairman of the Cincinnati Bar Association Sports & Entertainment Law Committee and an Adjunct Professor at Ohio University (Athens, OH) in the Sports Administration & Facility Management Graduate Program.

Mr. Tafaro's significant business experience is a valuable resource available to other Kohnen & Patton attorneys to assist them in representing clients on a variety of business issues.

**Areas of Practice:**

Business Law and Transactions  
Litigation  
Real Estate

**Education:**

J.D., Salmon P. Chase College of Law (1982)  
M. Ed., Ohio University (1977)  
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**Professional Memberships:**

Cincinnati Bar Association

**Admitted to Practice:**

State of Ohio (1983)