



# Anthony S. Manna

**Chairman**



Anthony (Tony) S. Manna epitomizes the entrepreneurial spirit of our Firm. As both a successful business lawyer and businessman, Tony and his team of lawyers are able to appreciate client concerns from a business perspective and to devise a concrete plan to address those concerns within the applicable legal framework.

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## Education

**Emory University School of Law**, J.D.

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## Overview

Anthony (Tony) Manna is the Founder and Chairman of both M7 Holdings, LLC, a family investment office, and Signet, LLC, a global investment firm. Tony has created collaborative partnerships for Signet, which now owns over 25 companies (10 of which have been startups) in the manufacturing, technology and service areas; and has also developed over \$5 billion in real estate projects (mainly in healthcare and institutional student housing).

A consummate champion for growth and development of the City of Akron, and an admitted baseball nut, Tony is responsible for bringing the Akron Aeros (now the Rubber Ducks) and Canal Park Stadium to Akron. As a young lawyer Tony read an article in the *Beacon Journal* about the possibility of a team coming to Akron and set out to make it happen.

*"It was Manna who, as former Mayor Don Plusquellic acknowledged, "almost single-handedly delivered this team to the city."<sup>[1]</sup>*

Tony tracked down the Northeastern League team owner who was looking at three possible cities to bring a team. He made it his mission to ensure that the winner was Akron, Ohio. With only a short 30 days to respond to the owner's requests, Tony was able to negotiate the deal and secure the right for his company, Akron Stadium Corp., to develop the stadium. The development and opening of Canal Park in 1997 spurred more than 20 years of continued economic growth in downtown Akron.

<sup>[1]</sup> *The Indomitable Don Plusquellic*, Steve Love (2016, Ringtaw Books)

## Courts & Bar Associations

- Ohio State Bar Association

- Akron Bar Association
- American Bar Association

## Professional & Civic Affiliations

- Lake Nona Impact Forum Advisory Board
- Greater Cleveland Partnership, Board of Directors
- GBS Corp., Director
- Westfield Bank, FSB, Director
- Westfield Bancorp, Inc., Director
- Westfield Credit Corp., Director
- Leadership Ohio, Class of 1994
- Leadership Akron, Class of 1992, and Leadership Alumni Association

## Practice Areas

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