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DeAngelo LaVette joined Sutter O'Connell in 2025, bringing broad experience from his large national firm, clerkship, and in-house experiences. He focuses his practice on defending pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers, large hospital systems, and health care providers in high-stakes litigation involving health and life sciences, mass torts, product liability, business and commercial disputes. He brings strategic insight and hands-on experience to every stage of litigation—from initial case assessment through trial and appeal.

Before joining Sutter O'Connell, DeAngelo was Associate General Counsel for a health care management company, where he oversaw trial and appellate litigation in Ohio and Kentucky. In that role, he led discovery efforts, managed regulatory and compliance matters, supervised outside counsel, and developed resolution strategies across a portfolio of health care facilities. He also oversaw regulatory and compliance matters.

DeAngelo previously served as a judicial staff attorney for Judge Cassandra Collier-Williams of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas commercial docket, where he drafted judicial opinions and memoranda. During law school, he served as an extern for then-Chief Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr. of the United States District Court (ND Ohio), during which time he drafted preliminary opinions for Judge Oliver's review.

Born in Cleveland, DeAngelo grew up in Bedford, Ohio. He enjoys spending quality time with his loved ones, traveling abroad, and experiencing other cultures. In his spare time, he embraces adrenaline-rush activities, including skydiving and ziplining.

Education

J.D., Cleveland State University, College of Law, 2017

- *Cleveland State Law Review*, Executive Editor
- Fredrick Douglass Moot Court Competition, Place 1st at Regionals and Nationals
- CALI Excellence for Future Award in Special Education Law

B.A., Purdue University, 2013

Practice Areas

Appellate
Business Law
Class Actions

Commercial Litigation
Medical Malpractice
Product Liability

Admissions

Ohio, 2018
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

Associations

Norman S. Minor Bar Association, Member
Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Member
Cleveland State University College of Law Alumni Association, Trustee

Involvement

- **Gilmour Academy**, Gates Mill, OH, *Upper School Moot Court Team Coach*
- **Shiloh Temple House of God, Inc.**, Cleveland, OH, *Member of the Board of Directors*
- **House of God International, Inc.**, Lexington, KY, *Chairman of the Board of Directors*
- **National Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition**, *National Advisor / Problem Writer*