

## Civil Justice

NFIB has been a leader on tort reform efforts in Ohio and has seen a great deal accomplished in this area. However, creating certainty for employers is instrumental in fostering a predictable, healthy business climate for retaining and attracting businesses of all sizes.

- **Statute of Limitations on Written Contracts** – Ohio took a necessary step to reduce from 15 years (longest in the nation) to 8 the statute of limitations on written contracts. Reducing to 3 years will make Ohio a leader in the country, reducing the tail on contracts and thus provide stability to small businesses.
- **Third-party lawsuit financing** – Ohio should evaluate the appropriateness of third-party non-recourse loans to fund litigation and their impact on litigants. Our civil justice system is stable and allowing individual(s) not a party to a case to interject and potentially delay resolution to obtain a larger settlement or judgment deteriorates our legal climate.
- Ohio's General Assembly should not weaken or eliminate the many recently enacted civil justice reform statutes. Ohio's reforms are recognized nationally as some of the most balanced. There are areas where clarification from the General Assembly may be appropriate. The Ohio Supreme Court has upheld many key provisions of Ohio's comprehensive tort reform overhaul. Any attempts to undermine these decisions should be soundly defeated.