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Practice Areas

Taxation

Trusts, Estates and Wealth
Transfer

Education

University of Virginia School of
Law, J.D., 2000

Kenyon College, A.B., *magna
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Bar & Court Admissions

Ohio

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

U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Ohio

U.S. Tax Court

*Admitted to practice law only in
the states listed above.*

John is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the probate and tax group and the estate, trust and wealth transfer subgroup. In his practice, John represents individuals, including professionals, executives and business owners, as well as families in connection with all aspects of estate planning, charitable giving, business succession planning and estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer tax planning. He also represents fiduciaries and beneficiaries in the administration of trusts and probate estates as well as in disputes involving trusts and estates, including will contests, trust contests and tax audits and controversies. In addition, John represents tax-exempt organizations in matters related to their tax-exempt status, planned gifts from their donors and their endowments.

John is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and is active in committees at both the national and state levels. He currently serves as ACTEC's state chair for Ohio and region chair for the Great Lakes Region. He is also a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, where he serves on the Executive Committee for the Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section Council and is the immediate past chair of the Section. In addition, John is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the *Probate Law Journal of Ohio* and is active in many other professional and civic organizations.

John regularly presents on various topics relating to estate planning, charitable giving, exempt organizations and estate and trust administration. He has presented to the Ohio State Bar Association, the Columbus Bar Association, ACTEC Ohio and various estate planning councils and charitable foundations. John received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he served as the managing editor of the *Journal of Law & Politics*. He received his A.B. *magna cum laude* and with distinction from Kenyon College, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. John also studied at St. Catherine's College of Oxford University.

Events

1.31.2019

Top 10 Ohio Estate, Trust, and Probate Law Changes Coming in 2019