



## John J. Kulewicz

PARTNER

### Columbus

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### Practice Areas

Appellate Practice

Class Actions

eCommerce Litigation

Litigation

Professional Liability and  
Discipline

Securities, Shareholder Disputes  
and Corporate Governance

### Education

Yale Law School, J.D., 1979

*Yale Law Journal*, Editor, 1978–  
1979

The Ohio State University, B.A.,  
1976

### Bar & Court Admissions

Ohio

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth  
Circuit

U.S. District Court for the

John, a partner in the Vorys Columbus office, is a member of the litigation group and co-chair of the firm's appellate practice subgroup. He has argued cases in the Supreme Court of the United States, the Supreme Court of Ohio and federal and state courts of appeals. His practice focuses on civil litigation and appeals. His experience includes a wide range of appeals involving constitutional, statutory, regulatory and common law issues; the trial of numerous cases; and leadership of the pretrial discovery and motions efforts in civil actions. In addition, he has served at the request of federal and state courts as pro bono counsel for indigent clients in several actions presenting significant questions of law.

### Career highlights include:

#### *Securities Class Actions and Shareholder Derivative Litigation*

- Representing major corporations, directors, officers and auditors in securities class actions and shareholder derivative litigation

#### *Complex Commercial Litigation*

- Representing parties to large-scale commercial contracts in complex federal and state court litigation

#### *Financial Services Litigation*

- Representing national and state banks and associations in lending-related litigation

#### *Small Business and Family Trust Disputes*

- Representing closely-held corporation owners, business partners, trustees, beneficiaries and others in federal and state court business litigation, arbitration and mediation

#### *News Media Defense*

- Representing nationally-prominent journalists and publishers in obtaining dismissal of federal court defamation actions

Northern District of Ohio

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

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

### Clerkships

The Honorable Gilbert S. Merritt,  
United States Court of Appeals for  
the Sixth Circuit, 1979-1980

- Representing journalism and broadcast associations in Supreme Court of Ohio proceedings over Ohio standard of liability for defamation

### Health Insurance

- Representing third-party administrator in tandem with group health plan and administrator in federal court litigation involving the Medicare Secondary Payer Act

### Higher Education

- Representing leading national university in federal and state court cases involving charitable gifts and student organization exercise of First Amendment rights
- Representing leading national university in executive employment negotiations
- Representing national higher education associations in litigation concerning student privacy rights

### Oil, Gas and Coal Litigation

- Representing mineral rights owners, producers and associations in federal and state court litigation

### Procurement Litigation

- Representing bidders in challenges to state and local contract awards
- Representing government contractors in contract disputes
- Representing national insurance broker in enforcement of state statute
- Representing minority-owned business and its principals in certification and debarment proceedings

### Elections Law

- Representing officeholders and candidates in election law disputes and compliance proceedings
- Representing municipal corporation in defense of challenge to election procedures

### Ethics Law Compliance

- Representing public officials, registered agents and others in ethics law advice and counseling

#### *Guardianship*

- Representing adult and minor family members in guardianship actions

John is a member of the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association and the Columbus Bar Association.

John clerked for the Honorable Gilbert S. Merritt of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

John received his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. He received his B.A. from The Ohio State University.

## Events

4.4.2013

Appellate Strategies and Perspectives

6.14.2012

Emerging Trends in Appellate Practice Litigation from the Practitioners' Perspective

4.1.2010

Keeping Pace: Developments in the Regulation of Swimming

9.25.2009

Current Developments in Appellate Law on the 200th Anniversary of Judicial Review in Ohio