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Eric is a partner in the Vorys Cincinnati office and a member of the litigation practice group. His practice is focused on civil litigation and white collar criminal defense work and encompasses complex commercial, banking, insurance, data breach, construction and intellectual property litigation.

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Practice Areas

Appellate Practice

Class Actions

Copyrights

Data Strategy, Privacy and Security

Employment Litigation

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Intellectual Property

Litigation

Patents

Professional Liability and Discipline

Trade Secrets

Trademarks

Education

University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D., 1996, Order of the Coif

University of Cincinnati Law

Career highlights include:

- Appointed on four occasions by the Kentucky Governor as a Special Justice to the Kentucky Supreme Court
- Represented multiple defendants in one of the largest patent infringement multidistrict litigation cases in history, which involved approximately 200 defendants and a portfolio of more than fifty patents in the field of automated call center technology relating to automated attendant, automated call distribution, voice response unit, computer telephone integration and speech recognition
- Successfully defended large financial institution in dozens of cases in state, federal and bankruptcy courts, arising out of the failure of a large commodities dealer
- Obtained substantial recoveries, including seven-figure amounts, for clients in intellectual property and complex commercial litigation
- Defeated class certification, prevailed on summary judgment and defended judgment through the United States Supreme Court on behalf of a large financial institution in a case asserting breach of contract and statutory claims related to the imposition of checking account fees
- Successfully defended large life insurers in various putative class actions in state and federal courts asserting claims for bad faith and unjust enrichment
- Successfully defended large life insurers in putative class action alleging misrepresentations and breach of contract in connection with the sale of annuity products
- Successfully represented several large investors in actions alleging securities law violations and misrepresentations in connection with the sale of residential mortgage backed securities

Review, Associate Member, 1994-1995; Editorial Board, 1995-1996

Thomas More College, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1993

Bar & Court Admissions

Kentucky

Ohio

Tennessee

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky

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

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

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

Admitted to practice law only in the states listed above.

Industries

Construction

Financial Institutions

Health Care Litigation

Insurance

Clerkships

The Honorable R. Guy Cole, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

- Defeated class certification in action alleging sexual harassment by a large automobile parts supplier
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a large financial institution in commercial loan dispute alleging losses of more than \$25 million
- Obtained dismissal on behalf of a large financial institution in an action alleging losses of more than \$100 million as a result of alleged breach of contract
- Successfully represented media company at trial in action alleging multimillion-dollar damages from alleged breach of contract and misrepresentations in connection with the sale of multiple radio stations
- Prevailed in a leading case in the Sixth Circuit that defined a bank's obligations to its customers under Ohio's adoption of Article 3 of the Uniform Commercial Code
- Representing banking clients in a variety of significant data breach cases involving national merchants, including a breach that was described at the time as potentially the largest retail security breach ever to have occurred in the United States

Eric has presented on the issues of data security, privacy and breach, and on payment card penalties and class action litigation arising out of data breaches to various organizations, including the American Bar Association, the Kentucky Bar Association, the Kentucky appellate judiciary, the Association of Corporate Counsel, the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the Chief Information Security Officer Executive Summit. Eric has also presented seminars regarding recent developments in the law of intellectual property, management of litigation in the workplace, the duties of design professionals in construction cases, and the damages available to plaintiffs against architects and engineers in construction cases.

Eric teaches information privacy and data protection law, and intellectual property law -- including patent, copyright and trademark law -- as an adjunct professor at the Northern Kentucky University – Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Eric is AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™ by Martindale-Hubbell.

Eric received his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law where he was a member of the Order of the Coif. He was also an associate member of the *University of Cincinnati Law Review* as well as a member of the editorial board. Eric received his B.A. *summa cum*

laude from Thomas More College.

Eric clerked for the Honorable R. Guy Cole, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Events

Event, 11.16.2023

2023 Vorys Legal Education (VLE) Seminar

12.5.2019

2019 Kentucky Law Update

11.21.2019

2019 Kentucky Law Update

10.31.2019

2019 Kentucky Law Update

10.24.2019

Financial Markets Association's Legal and Legislative Conference

10.17.2019

2019 Kentucky Law Update

10.16.2019

2019 Vorys Benefits Columbus Conference

10.10.2019

2019 Kentucky Law Update

10.2.2019

2019 Kentucky Law Update

9.26.2019

2019 Kentucky Law Update

9.12.2019

2019 Kentucky Law Update

9.11.2019

2019 Vorys Benefits Cincinnati Conference

8.29.2019

2019 Kentucky Law Update

6.14.2019

2019 Kentucky Bar Association Annual Convention

2.7.2019

Cybersecurity and Data Breach Presentation

12.13.2018

2018 Kentucky Law Update

12.7.2018

New Era of Cybersecurity – When, Not If

11.29.2018

2018 Kentucky Law Update

11.15.2018

New Era of Cybersecurity – When, Not If

10.31.2018

2018 Kentucky Law Update

10.17.2018

2018 Kentucky Law Update

10.4.2018

2018 Kentucky Law Update

9.27.2018

2018 Kentucky Law Update

9.13.2018

2018 Kentucky Law Update

8.24.2018

2018 Kentucky Law Update

4.19.2018

2018 Kentucky Court of Appeals Spring Conference

10.13.2017

The 2017 Northern Kentucky University-Chase College of Law Cybersecurity Symposium

10.21.2016

NKU Cybersecurity Symposium

3.11.2016

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Southwest Ohio Chapter Meeting

6.8.2015

Cincinnati CISO Executive Summit

9.10.2014

Data Breach Prevention, Response & Management – The Road to Reasonable Security

1.31.2013

The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Year in Review

5.3.2012

The Best Defense is a Good Offense: How to Manage Litigation in the Workplace