



Evelyn Lundberg Stratton

OF COUNSEL

Eve is of counsel in the Vorys Columbus office. Prior to joining Vorys, she served for 16 years as a justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio and for seven years as a trial judge in the Court of Common Pleas. She counsels clients on variety of practice areas, including appellate issues, litigation and health care. In addition, Eve handles mediations, arbitrations and private judging.

Columbus

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Practice Areas

Appellate Practice

Litigation

Mass / Toxic Tort and Product
Liability Litigation

Education

The Ohio State University Moritz
College of Law, J.D., 1978

University of Akron, B.A., 1976;
Honorary Doctor of Laws, 1988

Franklin University, Honorary
Doctorate of Community
Leadership, 2013

Capital University Law School,
Honorary Doctor of Laws, 1999

University of Florida, A.A., 1973

Bar & Court Admissions

Ohio

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

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth
Circuit

Eve has decades of trial and appellate experience. She uses this experience to counsel attorneys and law firms throughout Ohio, providing case preparation and trial consultation. This counsel includes offering judicial decision process-observations; case assessment and strategy analysis; the review and analysis of briefs; and the development and presentation of litigation themes. Eve also helps attorneys prepare for trial and oral arguments and assists with mock hearing and trial runs. She brings these decades of experience to also helping parties resolve cases by mediation or arbitration. She was awarded Best Appellate Lawyers of America each year from 2017 to 2023.

Eve spent the first nine years of her legal career as a central Ohio trial lawyer. In 1988, she became the first woman elected judge of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court. She was appointed to the Ohio Supreme Court by Governor George Voinovich in 1996 and was elected by Ohio voters to three six-year terms.

Eve is also a dedicated public servant. While serving on the Ohio Supreme Court, she formed and chaired the Supreme Court of Ohio Advisory Committee on Mental Illness & the Courts, which since its formation in 2001 has helped establish 45 mental health courts, recommended changes to Medicaid and advocated for a new Juvenile Competency Statute. She served for 8 years with former Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine as co-chair of the Attorney General's Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness, and continues as co-chair with Attorney General Yost. She is on Governor DeWine's Ohio Recovery Advisory Council, which advises the governor on addiction and mental health policy issues. Eve has also advocated nationally for the development of veterans' treatment courts, which assist returning

Admitted to practice law only in the states listed above.

Industries

Health Care Litigation

veterans with post traumatic stress and other issues that may lead them to involvement in the criminal justice system.

Eve's work has resulted in many honors, such as the Congressional Coalition on Adoption's Angels Award, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Adoption Excellence Award and the Ohio State Association of Veterans' Service Commissions Outstanding Service Award. In 2008, she received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Ranking among the nation's most prestigious awards, this honor pays tribute to American citizens of diverse origins for their outstanding contributions to their communities, their nation and the world. She recently was inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

Eve has two awards named in her honor: the Justice Stratton Award for Court Security, which has been awarded yearly since 2004, and the Justice Evelyn Stratton CIT Champion of the Year, which has been awarded yearly since 2012.

Eve is a member of the Ohio and Columbus Bar Associations. She is also member of the Ohio and Columbus Bar Foundations and Women Lawyers of Franklin County.

Eve received her J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She earned her B.A. and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Akron. Eve also has an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Capital University Law School and an Honorary Doctorate of Community Leadership from Franklin University.

Honors & Recognitions

National Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America, Appellate Practice "Lawyer of the Year," 2024

The Best Lawyers in America, Appellate Practice, 2017-2021, 2023-2024

Judge Stephen S. Goss Memorial Award from the Judges' & Psychiatrists' Leadership Initiative, 2021

Congressional Coalition on Adoption, Angels in Adoption Award, 2001

Council of State Governments, Henry Toll Fellow, 2010

International Community Corrections Association, Judicial Award, 2010

National Alliance on Mentally Illness, Distinguished Service Award, 2004

National Ethnic Coalition Organization, Ellis Island Medal of Honor, 2008

National Judges' Criminal Justice/Mental Health Leadership Initiative (JLI), Special Recognition, 2008

Prevent Blindness America, Award for Volunteer Leadership, 2000

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Adoption Excellence Award, 2001

Trial Practice Awards

American Board of Trial Advocates (Ohio Chapter), Professionalism Award, 2013

Columbus Bar Association, Judicial Pro Bono Award, 2012

Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, Public Service Award, 2013

Ohio Senate, Commendation for Service, 2013

Ohio State Bar Association, Ohio Bar Medal Award, 2014

Criminal Justice Awards

Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Hall of Fame, 2022

Advisory Committee on Specialized Dockets, Ohio Supreme Court, Certificate of Recognition, 2012

Columbus Bar Foundation, Judicial Pro Bono Award, 2012

Corporation for Supportive Housing, Champion of Supportive Housing, Award, 2013

Justice League of Ohio, Model of Justice Award, 2013

Ohio Association for Court Administration, Certificate of Appreciation, 2012

Ohio Bail Agents Association, Appreciation Award, 2008

Ohio Bailiffs and Court Officers Association, Outstanding Achievement Award, 2000; Certificate of Recognition, 2012

Mental Health Reform Awards

IADAS Anthem Awards, Silver Winner, SMI Is Not a Crime, 2023

Mental Health America of Franklin County, Norman Guitry Award, 2018

Columbus Area Inc., Mental Health Advocate Award (Government Sector), 2011

Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation, Compass Award, 2015

National Alliance on Mental Illness - Ohio Chapter, Mental Health Champion Award, 2002; Lighting the Candle of Hope for So Many Award, 2014

National Alliance on Mental Illness of Geauga County, Certificate of Appreciation, 2008

Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, President's Award, 2008

Ohio Psychological Association, Award of Excellence, 2012

Veterans Treatment Court Reform Awards

The Military/Veterans (MILVETS) Educational Foundation, CSM Jake Brewer Leadership Award, 2016

AMVETS Past State Department Commanders' Civil Servant of the Year Award, 2013

Masonic Franklin County Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Association, Community Service Award, 2013

Ohio National Guard, Certificate of Appreciation, 2011

Ohio Military Reserve Association, Outstanding Service Award, 2008

Ohio State Association of Veterans' Service Commissioners, Outstanding Service Award, 2011

Vanguard Veteran Champion Award, 2021

Vietnam Veterans of America, Buckeye State Council, Veterans Advocacy Award, 2010; Distinguished Service Award, 2013

The Psychiatric Society of Central Ohio, Award for Treatment Centered Courts for Veterans, 2010

Other Recognitions

Best Lawyers 2017, Spring Edition, "Women of Influence," Best Appellate Columbus Lawyer

Esther H. Brockner Award and Scholarship, 2016

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, 2010

Franklin Church, Faith and Freedom Appreciation Award, 2013

Professional Independent Agents Association of Ohio, Industry Person of the Year, 2013

LeTourneau Stampede, Girls Goat Tying, 1st Place, 1972

Professional and Community Activities

American Psychiatric Association Foundation, Board Member, 2019-2023

Recovery Ohio Advisory Council to Governor DeWine, 2019 to present

Stepping Up Ohio, Project Director, 2014 to present

Attorney General's Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness, Co-Chair, 2012-2018, continuing under AG Yost, 2019 to present

Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, Board of Directors, 2013 to present

Judges' Leadership Initiative/American Psychiatric Foundation Task Force, 2012 to present

National Judges' Criminal Justice/Mental Health Leadership Initiative (JLI), 2004 to present; Co-Chair, 2004-2008

Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC), Board of Trustees, 1995 to present

Columbus Council on World Affairs, Board of Trustees, 1990-1999; Honorary Trustee, 1999 to present

Prevent Blindness Ohio, 1988-2003 Chairman of the Board of Trustees, 1999-2001; Honorary Trustee, 2004 to present

National Judicial Task Force Center for State Courts, 2021 to present

Resurrecting Lives Foundation, Vice Chair, 2011-2013; Advisory Board, 2013 to present

The Benefit Concert Association for Nationwide Children's Hospital – Heart Center, Member, 1992 to present

Franklin University, Criminal Justice Advisory Board, 2013-2016

Ohio Community 4 Kids, Co-Chair, 2013-2015

Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) Advisory Group, Co-Chair, 2013

Juvenile Justice Reforms I, II and III, Co-Chair, 2012-2015

Veterans in the Courts Initiative, Chair, 2009-2013

Corporation for Supportive Housing, National Board of Trustees, 2005-2013

Supreme Court of Ohio Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts, Chair, 2001-2011

Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Board of Trustees, 1996-2008

Teaching/Speaking Engagements

The Justice System and Psychiatry Grand Round Series, University of Toledo Psychiatry Department; The Ohio State University; Attorney General's Task Force on Mental Illness and Jails

- "Mental Illness and the Intersection of Civil and Criminal Courts," April 2022
- "Crisis Intervention Team Trainings for Law Enforcement," February 2022
- "Probate and Civil Commitment Issues," April 2022
- "Veteran Population," November 2022

Ohio Attorney General Task Force Committee for Mental Health and Jail Trainings

- "Best Practices in the Prescription of Antipsychotic Medication in Jails," September 2022
- "Mental Health 101," November 2021
- "Collaborative Mental Health Care for Incarcerated Individuals Part I," March 2022
- "Collaborative Mental Health Care for Incarcerated Individuals Part II," December 2022

"The Role of Mental Health Courts as an Alternative to Incarceration," July 2022, Council for State Governments Midwest Conference

"Stopping the Revolving Door: How Psychiatrists Can Reclaim Individuals with Mental Illness Stuck in the Criminal Justice System," May 2022, American Psychiatric Association Annual Conference

"Building a Modern Behavioral Crisis Response System: The Role of Federal Policy," January 2022, National Brookings Institute

"Stepping Up Community Meetings," 2021, 2022

"Stepping Up Resources to Improve Lives," December 2021, Ohio County Commissioners Association Conference

"Stepping Up," October 2021, State of Delaware Annual National Alliance for Mental Illness Conference

"The Use of Special courts and the Stepping Up Initiative," July 2021, National Alliance on Mental Illness

"Stepping Up: Mental Illness and Criminal Justice," March 2021, Ohio Psychiatric Physician Association

December 2020, Foundation of Mental Health and Criminal Justice

“Mental Health Professionals Role in Reclaiming Community Members from the Justice System” October 2022, American Psychiatric Association, Mental Health Services Conference

News

2.29.2024

Stratton in News Articles Regarding Gov. DeWine's Remarks on Mental Illness and Ohio's Criminal Justice System

News, 8.17.2023

More Than 155 Vorys Attorneys Named to the 30th Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® Lists

News, 8.17.2023

15 Vorys Attorneys Included in the 30th Edition of Best Lawyers “Lawyer of the Year”

News, 8.18.2022

115 Vorys Attorneys Named to the 29th Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® List; 33 Vorys Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America List

6.21.2022

Vorys Wins 7-2 at U.S. Supreme Court in *Marietta Memorial Hospital Employee Health Benefit Plan v. DaVita Inc.*

News, 10.26.2021

Stratton Authored Article for the Daily Dayton News "SB 256 Provides Balance Between Needs of Juveniles and Rights of Victims"

News, 10.19.2021

Stratton Quoted In the Sentinel-Tribune Article Titled "How Mental Illness Law is Changing Ohio Death Row"

News, 8.19.2021

116 Vorys Attorneys Named to 2022 *Best Lawyers in America* List; 34 Vorys Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers*’ “Ones to Watch” List

News, 8.19.2021

Ten Vorys Attorneys Selected by Their Peers as “Lawyers of the Year”

News, 5.15.2021

Stratton Receives Judge Stephen S. Goss Memorial Award from the Judges' & Psychiatrists' Leadership Initiative

News, 5.7.2021

Stratton Featured in Columbus Bar Lawyers Quarterly Article "Lawyers With Artistic License"

News, 4.27.2021

Stratton Quoted in The Blade Article Titled "Governor Signs Bill to Prioritize Patients for Psychiatric Beds"

News, 3.7.2021

Stratton Quoted in The Vindicator Article Titled "Crisis Behavior Not Necessarily Criminal Acts"

News, 3.5.2021

Stratton Authored Opinion Piece for The Columbus Dispatch

News, 3.1.2021

Stratton Quoted in Tribune Chronicle Article titled "Stopping the Revolving Door"

News, 1.22.2021

Stratton Featured in Spectrum News 1 Story on Ohio Senate Bill 2

News, 8.20.2020

112 Vorys Attorneys Named to 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* List; 26 Vorys Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers' Inaugural "Ones to Watch" List

News, 2.12.2020

Stratton Writes Article for The Columbus Dispatch

10.23.2019

Stratton Featured in *Sentinel Tribune* Article

News, 8.15.2019

More Than 100 Vorys Attorneys Named to 2020 Best Lawyers in America® List

News, 6.13.2019

Stratton Featured on All Sides with Ann Fisher

News, 3.14.2019

Stratton Quoted in *Springfield News Sun* Story Titled "Mental Illness in Jail Costs us all: What's Clark Co. Doing About it?"

News, 2.25.2019

Stratton Writes Article for *Akron Beacon Journal*

News, 2.11.2019

Stratton Featured in Film "Too Ill to Execute"

News, 8.15.2018

More Than 100 Vorys Attorneys Named to 2019 Best Lawyers in America® List

News, 7.10.2018

Stratton Featured in OSU Insights Article Title "Courts With Compassion"

News, 6.25.2018

Stratton Profiled in *Ohio State Alumni Magazine* Story Titled "Called to Connect"

News, 6.20.2018

Stratton Featured in NBC4 Columbus Story Titled "New Sheriff's Office Unit Aims to Address Mental Health Issues"

Court News Ohio, 5.18.2018

Stratton Quoted in *Court News Ohio*

News, 8.17.2017

More Than 100 Vorys Attorneys Named to 2018 The Best Lawyers in America® List

News, 5.10.2017

Stratton Quoted in *Hannah Report* Story Titled "Stratton, Psychiatrists Urge End to Executions for Seriously Mentally Ill"

News, 11.3.2016

Stratton awarded the Esther H. Brocker Award and Scholarship by Capital University Law School

News, 9.12.2016

Stratton Quoted in *Times Reporter* Story Titled "Local, State Efforts Aim to Reduce Number of Mentally Ill in Jails and Prisons"

News, 8.15.2016

More Than 100 Vorys Attorneys Named to 2017 The Best Lawyers in America® List

News, 6.1.2016

Stratton Quoted in *Hannah Report* Story Titled "Local Leaders, OhioMHAS Join for Recovery Summit"

News, 4.1.2016

Stratton Featured in *Columbus Dispatch* Story Titled "Former Justice Stratton to receive inaugural Terry Collins Award"

News, 3.17.2016

Stratton Featured in *Hannah Report* Story titled "Stratton Supports Stepping Up Initiative at State Task Force Meeting"

News, 10.14.2015

Stratton Quoted in Multiple News Stories Regarding Her Testimony on Stopping Executions of Seriously Mentally Ill Criminals

News, 10.6.2015

Stratton Featured on Thrive and Connect Podcast

News, 8.4.2015

Stratton Featured Guest on Diane Rehm Show

News, 7.9.2015

Stratton Quoted in *Columbus Dispatch* Story Titled "Program Keeping Juveniles in the Community, Not Locked Up"

News, 5.26.2015

Stratton Profiled in *Hannah Report* Story Titled "Stratton Optimistic about State Initiatives in Mental Health, Criminal Justice, Police Relations"

News, 4.24.2015

Stratton Quoted in *Columbus Dispatch* Article Titled "Advocates Talk 'Over-Criminalization' of Mentally Ill"

News, 3.27.2015

Stratton Quoted in *Lima News* Story Titled "Law Students Urged to Help Mentally Ill"

News, 1.15.2015

Stratton Appointed as Honorary Co-Chair of the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations

News, 1.15.2015

Stratton Hosts Ohio Supreme Court Justices' Swearing-In Ceremony

News, 12.12.2014

Stratton Quoted in *Dayton Daily News* Story Titled "Ohio Spends \$202,502 to Jail Each Juvenile Offender"

News, 10.27.2014

Stratton Featured in *Toledo Blade* Story on the Northwest Ohio Justice-Involved Veteran Summit

News, 10.24.2014

Stratton Included in *Hannah Report* Story Titled "DeWine Stresses Training, Justice System Improvements at Mental Health Event"

News, 10.20.2014

Stratton Quoted in *Journal-News* Story on Mental Health Courts

News, 9.16.2014

Stratton Featured in WHIZ Story Titled "Retired Ohio Supreme Court Justice Aims to Help Veterans"

News, 5.2.2014

Stratton Receives Ohio State Bar Association's Highest Honor

News, 2.4.2014

Stratton Featured on The Center for Community Solutions' "High on Ohio" Program

News, 12.11.2013

Stratton Gives Keynote Address at Montgomery County Veteran's Treatment Court Kickoff Event

News, 11.2013

Stratton Participates in U.S. Rule of Law Initiative in Myanmar

News, 9.26.2013

Stratton Quoted in *Columbus Dispatch* Story Titled "Execution of Mentally Ill is Issue for Task Force"

News, 9.11.2013

Stratton Co-Chairs Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway Advisory Group

News, 8.19.2013

Stratton Honored with The Justice League of Ohio's "Models of Justice" Award

News, 6.12.2013

Stratton Receives Faith and Freedom Appreciation Award

News, 5.28.2013

Stratton Quoted in *Columbus Dispatch* Story on Mental Health Courts

News, 5.28.2013

Stratton Profiled in *Daily Reporter* Story Titled "Treatment Courts Help Connect Veterans with Medical Services"

News, 5.7.2013

Ohio House of Representatives Honors Stratton's Judicial Career

News, 3.7.2013

Stratton Quoted in *Columbus Dispatch* Editorial Entitled "A New Tool for Police"

News, 2.21.2013

Stratton Receives AMVETS Past State Department Commanders' Civil Servant of the Year Award

News, 2.20.2013

Stratton Quoted in Associated Press Story on Ohio Military/Veterans Legal Assistance Project Call Center

News, 2.8.2013

Stratton's Legal Career Profiled in Winter 2013 Edition of *All Rise*

News, 1.15.2013

Former Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton Joins Vorys

Events

Event, 4.12.2024

2024 OWBA & OWBF Annual Meeting: Finding Common Ground

Event, 4.2.2024

The Ohio State University, John Glenn College Guest Lecture

11.12.2021

Mental Health 101 for The Attorney General Task Force's Committee on Mental Illness and Jails

11.4.2021

SB2 Panel for the OhioMHAS November Forensic Conference

6.24.2020

ADR in the Wake of COVID-19

3.3.2020

Ohio Insurance Institute Continuing Legal Education Symposium

2.22.2020

ACLM Annual Meeting 2020

10.23.2019

Stratton Featured in *Sentinel Tribune* Article

10.18.2019

NAMI Ohio Advanced Training Conference

10.2.2019

Stratton Featured in Hannah Capitol Connection Article

9.11.2019

Stratton Featured in *Hannah News Service* Articles

8.29.2019

Stratton Quoted in *Yellow Springs News* Article

6.19.2019

Stratton Featured in *Miami Valley Today* Article

5.28.2019

Stratton Profiled in "Reflections from the Bench"

5.2.2019

Stratton Quoted in 'Sky Will Not Fall,' Proponents of Death Penalty Restrictions for Mentally Ill Argue to Committee

4.24.2019

American Health Lawyers Association Convener Session

4.4.2019

Stratton Featured on Cincinnati Public Radio

1.18.2019

Stratton Featured in an *Urbana Daily Citizen* Article

11.18.2018

Stratton Featured in Operation Legal Help Ohio

10.23.2018

Stratton Featured in WBNS 10TV Segment

5.14.2018

Westfield Group's Political Action Committee (PAC) Annual Meeting

5.2.2018

Stratton Featured in Gongwer Article

10.24.2017

NAMI Educational Conference

9.13.2017

Stepping Up: Practical Solutions for Shutting the Revolving Door of Jail and Mental Illness

5.17.2017

Legislative Day Luncheon

6.1.2016

2016 Recovery Conference

5.20.2016

National Alliance on Mental Illness Conference

5.7.2016

Veterans Treatment Court Conference

5.3.2016

Ohio's 2016 Opiate Conference

5.1.2016

2016 Chief's In-Service & Annual Conference

6.19.2015

Combat Veterans and the Criminal Justice System: Ways to Help Them & Ways to Improve Their Legal Representation

9.15.2014

Veterans Wraparound Project

9.11.2014

Columbus Veterans Affairs Behavioral Health Summit

9.10.2014

The National Loss Team Conference

7.1.2014

2014 Annual Conference & Justice Institute

12.11.2013

Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas Veterans Treatment Court

10.22.2013

Child & Youth Behavioral Leadership Summit

10.17.2013

Making the Connection: Veteran Civilian Healthcare Series

10.16.2013

North Carolina District Court Judges Fall Conference

10.13.2013

Judicial-Psychiatric Leadership Forum

10.1.2013

Models for Change Court Leadership Symposium: What Courts Can Do to Improve Juvenile Justice Reform

9.28.2013

Ohio Women's Veteran Conference

9.25.2013

Law Enforcement Leadership in Juvenile Justice Conference

9.20.2013

American Board of Trial Advocates Fall Dinner

5.17.2013

Mental Health and Criminal Justice Summit

5.9.2013

The Many Faces of Mental Illness Conference

4.4.2013

Appellate Strategies and Perspectives

Publications

Authored article, 12.4.2023

Dispatch Editorial: DYS Director Criticized in Editorial Making "Amazing Progress." She Shouldn't Be Fired

Client alert, 6.7.2021

The Use of a Private, Retired Judge to Move your Case Forward in the Wake of COVID-19

Authored article, *Dayton Daily News*, 2.16.2021

Sentencing Based on Research and Science Win for Youth Offenders

[Client alert, 11.24.2020](#)

Ohio Enacts Additional COVID-Related Immunity Legislation

[Client alert, 9.15.2020](#)

Ohio Enacts Broad COVID-19 Immunity Legislation

[Client alert, 6.8.2020](#)

Pending Ohio Legislation Provides Immunity from COVID-19 Claims and Presumptions of Employee Injury from COVID-19

[Client alert, 4.20.2020](#)

ADR in the Wake of COVID-19: The Use of a Private, Retired Judge to Move your Case Forward

[Authored article, 1.24.2020](#)

Ohio's Veterans' Treatment Courts Provide Support

[Authored article, *Columbus Dispatch*, 3.11.2017](#)

Reforms Would Help Kids Turn Lives Around

[Authored article, 9.26.2016](#)

Mental Health: No Longer the Hidden Disease

[Authored article, 5.1.2015](#)

Shuttering of Mental Hospitals Led to Flood of Mentally Ill into the Legal System

[Authored article, *Ohio Lawyer*, May/June 2014](#)

Operation Legal Help Ohio: Ohio Military/Veterans Legal Assistance Project

[Authored article, *National Law Journal*, 3.31.2014](#)

The Judge's Role As an Agent of Change

[Authored article, *The Attorneys Guide to Defending Veterans in Criminal Court*, 3.2014](#)

Connecting the Dots: Using the Courts and your own Initiative to Navigate the System

[Authored article, *Columbus Dispatch*, 10.21.2013](#)

Ohio is a Leader in Smart Reforms for Juvenile Justice

[Authored article, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, 3.18.2013](#)

Medicaid expansion adds up for Ohio families, taxpayers

[Authored article, 2.13.2013](#)

Bill would clarify that courts can help deal with mentally ill