



## Robert N. Webner

PARTNER

### Columbus

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### Practice Areas

Antitrust and Trade Regulation

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Litigation

Appellate Practice

Class Actions

Data Strategy, Privacy and  
Security

Employment Litigation

Labor and Employment

Litigation

Professional Liability and  
Discipline

Securities, Shareholder Disputes  
and Corporate Governance

Technology Transactions

### Education

Georgetown University Law  
Center, J.D. 1985, *magna cum  
laude*

*Georgetown Law Journal*,  
Managing Editor, 1984-1985

Bob is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office. His litigation practice focuses on commercial disputes and is national in scope. Bob has more than 30 years of litigation experience, defending clients in dozens of class action lawsuits raising issues arising from computer data breaches, employment practices, the payment of claims by employee benefit plans, securities offerings and the operations of large industrial facilities, among many others. He also has represented the interests of defendants in individual actions brought under various federal and state employment and consumer protection statutes, federal and state securities laws, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), and the common law. In addition, Bob has represented corporations pursuing claims under the antitrust laws and other federal and state statutes and the common law.

A former journalist, Bob's practice involves significant written advocacy at the trial and appellate levels, including briefing four appeals to the United States Supreme Court, and defense and prosecution of appeals to the Supreme Court of Ohio and numerous federal and state appellate courts.

### Career highlights include:

- Representing 18 major retailers in antitrust litigation against Visa and MasterCard
- Defending dozens of putative class actions, brought in courts throughout the nation, arising from separate computer data breach incidents
- Defending a large national insurer in multiple ERISA and state law actions involving claims payment practices following termination of hospital contracts
- Defending a large manufacturer in federal and state court actions asserting claims under federal and state employment statutes

Bob is a member of the Columbus Bar Association.

The Ohio State University, B.A.,  
1980

### Bar & Court Admissions

Ohio

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First  
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth  
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Ninth Circuit

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

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

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

### Industries

Insurance

### Clerkships

The Honorable Oliver Gasch,  
United States District Court for  
the District of Columbia,  
1985-1986.

Bob received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was managing editor of the *Georgetown Law Journal*. He received his B.A. from The Ohio State University, where he was editor of the *Ohio State Lantern*.

Bob clerked for The Honorable Oliver Gasch on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

### Events

Event, 9.13.2023

AF&PA Fall 2023 General Counsels Coordinating Committee Meeting

4.22.2014

Association of Defense Trial Attorneys 73rd Annual Meeting