

## News

## 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

### Related Attorneys

Wesley R. Abrams  
 Elizabeth S. Alexander  
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 Michael J. Ball  
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 Phillip J. Binotto  
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 Robin L. Canowitz  
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 David W. Cook  
 Thomas R. Crookes

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Vorys is pleased to announce that more than 145 Vorys lawyers were included on the 2023 Best Lawyers in America lists. Vorys' lawyers were included in all three of the individual award categories: *Best Lawyers*, "Lawyer of the Year" and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*. One hundred and fifteen lawyers were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in the 29<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®. Additionally, 33 lawyers were recognized in the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*.

Since its inception in 1983, *Best Lawyers* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Because *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which more than 39,000 leading attorneys cast almost 3.1 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor. *Ones to Watch* honors are recognitions given to attorneys who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. The process for being named to this list is the same peer-review process as being named to the *Best Lawyers in America*® list.

### BEST LAWYERS FROM THE VORYS AKRON OFFICE:

- **Aaron S. Berke** - Economic Development Law, Project Finance Law
- **Thomas R. Crookes** - Commercial Litigation, Employment Law - Management
- **Philip F. Downey** - Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- **Ashley Manfull** - Employment Law – Management, Labor Law - Management
- **Jacinto Núñez** - Economic Development Law
- **Bret Treier** - Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Nonprofit / Charities Law

Jessica Knopp Cunning

Andrew E. DeBord

Perry W. Doran, II

Marcel C. Duhamel

Bryan H. Falk

Bryan J. Farkas

Elizabeth Turrell Farrar

Victor J. Ferguson

Monica A. Fitzgerald

Jackie Ford

Erin D. French

John F. Furniss III

Thomas H. Fusonie

Sheila Nolan Gartland

Michael J. Garvin

Martin S. Gates

Whitney C. Gibson

Lauren L. Gilbert

Anthony J. Giuliani

Rick W. Grady

David A. Groenke

Andrew P. Guran

Robert A. Harris

Jolie N. Havens

Herbert A. Hedden

Kimberly Weber Herlihy

David F. Hine

Jocelyn M. Hoffman

Nicholas R. House

Elizabeth Howard

Dan L. Jaffe

Lauren M. Johnson

Carey C. Jordan

Iona N. Kaiser

Hani R. Kallas

Maureen E. Kelly

Allen S. Kinzer

- **Mark A. Watkins** - Litigation - Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Trademark Law
- **Elia O. Woyt** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

#### *ONES TO WATCH FROM THE VORYS AKRON OFFICE:*

- **Jessica Knopp Cunning** - Litigation - Intellectual Property
- **Andrew P. Guran (2021)** - Commercial Litigation

#### *BEST LAWYERS FROM THE VORYS CINCINNATI OFFICE:*

- **William D.G. Baldwin** - Real Estate Law
- **Melvin A. Bedree (retired)** - Banking and Finance Law, Franchise Law
- **Charles C. Bissinger, Jr.** - Real Estate Law
- **Kent A. Britt** - Commercial Litigation, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Litigation - ERISA, Litigation - Health Care
- **Whitney C. Gibson** - Commercial Litigation
- **David A. Groenke** - Trusts and Estates
- **David F. Hine** - Commercial Litigation
- **Hani R. Kallas** - Banking and Finance Law
- **Nathaniel Lampley, Jr.** - Commercial Litigation
- **Roger E. Lautzenhiser, Jr.** - Corporate Law, International Mergers and Acquisitions
- **J.B. Lind** - Commercial Litigation
- **Jeffrey A. Marks (retired)** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Mark A. Norman** - Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental
- **Anthony L. Osterlund** - Litigation - Labor and Employment, Litigation - Real Estate, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- **Emily Pan** - Trusts and Estates
- **Eric W. Richardson** - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Intellectual Property
- **Kimberly J. Schaefer** - Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Michael G. Schwartz** - Commercial Litigation, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates

William D. Kloss Jr.  
Mark A. Knueve  
John M. Kuhl  
John J. Kulewicz  
Nathaniel Lampley, Jr.  
John L. Landolfi  
Roger E. Lautzenhiser, Jr.  
J.B. Lind  
Joel M. Lund  
Ashley M. Manfull  
Judith L. Marsh  
Michael D. Martz  
Douglas R. Matthews  
Theodore P. Mattis  
Thomas N. McCormick  
James J. McMonagle  
Jeffrey A. Miller  
Karen M. Moore  
Gabriel A. Moyer  
Kara M. Mundy  
Peter C. Nanov  
Mark A. Norman  
Jacinto A. Núñez  
Anthony L. Osterlund  
Bruce P. Paige  
Emily S. Pan  
William G. Porter  
D. Scott Powell  
Patrick J. Reardon  
Steven R. Rech  
Nicklaus J. Reis  
Eric W. Richardson  
Adam J. Rocco  
Russell R. Rosler  
Gregory D. Russell  
Gary J. Saalman  
Kimberly J. Schaefer

- **Victor A. Walton, Jr.** - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Banking and Finance, Litigation - Labor and Employment, Qui Tam Law
- **Elizabeth E. W. Weinewuth** - Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- **Rosemary D. Welsh** - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

#### *ONES TO WATCH FROM THE VORYS CINCINNATI OFFICE:*

- **Wesley R. Abrams** - Commercial Litigation
- **Jessica K. Baverman** - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Intellectual Property
- **Brian P. Baxter** - Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Andrew E. DeBord** - Tax Law
- **Erin D. French** - Labor and Employment Law - Management
- **Lauren L. Gilbert** - Banking and Finance Law
- **Joel M. Lund** - Real Estate Law
- **Jeffrey A. Miller** - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Banking and Finance
- **Gabriel A. Moyer** - Real Estate Law
- **Patrick J. Reardon** - Real Estate Law
- **Emily E. St. Cyr** - Commercial Litigation, Labor and Employment Law – Management, Trusts and Estates
- **Daniel C. Wucherer** - Entertainment and Sports Law

#### *BEST LAWYERS FROM THE VORYS CLEVELAND OFFICE:*

- **Kari B. Coniglio** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation
- **Marcel C. Duhamel** - Commercial Litigation
- **Bryan H. Falk** - Banking and Finance Law, Real Estate Law
- **Bryan J. Farkas** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy
- **Michael J. Garvin** - Litigation - Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Trademark Law
- **Martin S. Gates** - Banking and Finance Law, Financial Services Regulation Law

Richard D. Schuster  
Michael G. Schwartz  
Suzanne J. Scrutton  
Michael J. Settineri  
Michael J. Shoenfelt  
Andrew C. Smith  
Elizabeth T. Smith  
J. Theodore Smith  
Lindsay Doss Spillman  
Emily E. St. Cyr  
Janay M. Stevens  
Evelyn Lundberg Stratton  
Jill S. Tangeman  
J. Bret Treier  
Mark E. Vannatta  
Jonathan R. Vaughn  
Webb I. Vorys  
Travis J. Wahl  
Victor A. Walton, Jr.  
Mark A. Watkins  
Kristin L. Watt  
John B. Weimer  
Elizabeth E.W. Weinewuth  
Anthony D. Weis  
Rosemary D. Welsh  
Aaron M. Williams  
James A. Wilson  
Nici Workman  
Elia O. Woyt  
Daniel C. Wucherer  
Scott J. Ziance

#### Related Services

Agency Finance

Bankruptcy, Restructuring and  
Distressed Situations

Corporate and Business  
Organizations

- **James J. McMonagle** – Arbitration, Mediation
- **Anthony J. O'Malley** - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Securities
- **Drew T. Parobek** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **David Tocco (retired)**- Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Securities

#### ONES TO WATCH FROM THE VORYS CLEVELAND OFFICE:

- **Jeffrey W. Bieszczak** - Banking and Finance Law, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Nicholas R. House** - Banking and Finance Law, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Real Estate Law
- **Lindsay Doss Spillman** - Tax Law
- **Aaron M. Williams** - Intellectual Property Law

#### BEST LAWYERS FROM THE VORYS COLUMBUS OFFICE:

- **Robin P. Amicon** - Health Care Law
- **Michael J. Ball** - Litigation - Labor and Employment
- **Timothy J. Bechtold** - Government Relations Practice
- **Robert A. Bell, Jr.** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Adam K. Brandt** - Corporate Law
- **Alycia N. Broz** - Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Antitrust, Litigation - Securities
- **Robin L. Canowitz** - Health Care Law
- **Nelson D. Cary** - Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- **Daniel J. Clark** - Employment Law – Management, Litigation – ERISA, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- **Tiffany Strelow Cobb** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy
- **David W. Cook** - Immigration Law
- **Perry W. Doran II** - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- **Elizabeth Turrell Farrar** - Corporate Law
- **Victor J. Ferguson** - Trusts and Estates

Crisis Management

eControl

Environmental

Government Relations

Intellectual Property

International

Labor and Employment

Litigation

Real Estate

Tax and Economic Development  
Incentives

Taxation

Trusts, Estates and Wealth  
Transfer

## Related Industries

Agriculture

Cannabis, Hemp and CBD

Colleges and Universities

Construction

Energy, Utilities, Oil and Gas

Esports and Video Gaming

Family Offices

Financial Institutions

Health Care

Health Care Litigation

Insurance

Manufacturing

Private Equity

Restaurants, Food and Beverage

Retail and Consumer Products

Tax-Exempt Organizations

Transportation and Logistics

- **Jacklyn J. Ford** - Employment Law – Individuals, Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management
- **John F. Furniss III** - Trusts and Estates
- **Thomas H. Fusonie** - Commercial Litigation
- **Sheila Nolan Gartland** - Real Estate Law
- **Anthony J. Giuliani** - Environmental Law
- **Rick W. Grady** - Construction Law, Litigation - Construction
- **Robert A. Harris** - Employment Law - Management
- **Jolie N. Havens** - Health Care Law
- **Herbert A. Hedden** - Franchise Law
- **Kimberly Weber Herlihy** - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- **Dan L. Jaffe** - Tax Law
- **Allen S. Kinzer** - Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- **William D. Kloss, Jr.** - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- **Mark A. Knueve** - Employment Law – Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- **John M. Kuhl** - Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- **John J. Kulewicz** - Appellate Practice, Civil Rights Law
- **John L. Landolfi** - Commercial Litigation
- **Judith L. Marsh** - Banking and Finance Law, Commercial Finance Law, Commercial Transactions / UCC Law, Franchise Law
- **Michael D. Martz** - Corporate Law
- **Douglas R. Matthews** - Commercial Litigation, Employment Law - Management
- **Theodore P. Mattis** - Commercial Litigation, Workers' Compensation Law - Employers
- **Karen M. Moore** - Litigation - Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates
- **Bruce P. Paige** - Corporate Law
- **William G. Porter** - Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- **Scott Powell** - Tax Law
- **Lisa Pierce Reisz** - Health Care Law, Litigation - Health Care
- **Adam J. Rocco** - Employment Law – Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment

- **Russell R. Rosler** - Corporate Law
- **Gregory D. Russell** - Energy Law, Oil and Gas Law
- **Allen L. Rutz** - Construction Law
- **Gary J. Saalman** - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- **Michael Schira (retired)** - Real Estate Law
- **Richard D. Schuster** - Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs
- **Suzanne J. Scrutton** - Health Care Law
- **Michael J. Settineri** - Energy Law
- **Daniel E. Shuey** - Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation
- **Andrew C. Smith** - Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management
- **Elizabeth T. Smith** - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Theodore Smith** - Construction Law, Real Estate Law
- **Jeffery E. Smith** - Corporate Law
- **Evelyn Lundberg Stratton** - Appellate Practice
- **David A. Swift** - Trusts and Estates
- **Thomas E. Szykowny** - Insurance Law
- **Jill S. Tangeman** - Land Use and Zoning Law
- **Mark E. Vannatta** - Nonprofit / Charities Law, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- **Jonathan R. Vaughn** - Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- **Webb I. Vorys** - Corporate Law
- **Travis J. Wahl** - Banking and Finance Law
- **Kristin L. Watt** - Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental, Natural Resources Law
- **John B. Weimer** - Banking and Finance Law, Commercial Finance Law, Commercial Transactions / UCC Law, Equipment Finance Law
- **Anthony D. Weis** - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **James A. Wilson** - Antitrust Law, Litigation - Antitrust
- **Nancy N. Workman** - Banking and Finance Law
- **Scott J. Ziance** - Economic Development Law, Public Finance Law

#### *ONES TO WATCH FROM THE VORYS COLUMBUS OFFICE:*

- **Elizabeth S. Alexander** - Commercial Litigation
- **Ilya Batikov** - Oil and Gas Law

- **Zachary T. Brumfield** - Banking and Finance Law
- **James A. Carr II** - Energy Law, Oil and Gas Law, Real Estate Law
- **Mary Beth Cubberly** - Litigation – Antitrust
- **Elizabeth Howard** - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Lauren M. Johnson** - Tax Law
- **Kara M. Mundy** - Commercial Litigation
- **Nicklaus J. Reis** - Real Estate Law
- **Michael J. Shoenfelt** - Labor and Employment Law – Management
- **Janay M. Stevens** - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Labor and Employment Law – Management

*BEST LAWYERS FROM THE VORYS HOUSTON OFFICE:*

- **Stephen D. Browning** - Real Estate Law
- **Monica A. Fitzgerald** - Employment Law - Management
- **Carey C. Jordan** - Patent Law
- **Iona N. Kaiser** - Patent Law
- **Steven R. Rech** - Commercial Litigation

*ONES TO WATCH FROM THE VORYS HOUSTON OFFICE:*

- **James T. Barnish** - Litigation - Construction
- **John S. Collins** - Commercial Litigation

*BEST LAWYERS FROM THE VORYS PITTSBURGH OFFICE:*

- **Phillip J. Binotto** - Labor Law – Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment

*ONES TO WATCH FROM THE VORYS PITTSBURGH OFFICE:*

- **Maureen E. Kelly** - Patent Law

*BEST LAWYERS FROM THE VORYS ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE:*

- **Cory D. Catignani** - Labor Law – Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- **Thomas N. McCormick** - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Labor and Employment

*ONES TO WATCH FROM THE VORYS ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE:*

- **Jocelyn M. Hoffman** - Labor and Employment Law - Management

### ONES TO WATCH FROM THE VORYS WASHINGTON D.C. OFFICE:

- **Peter C. Nanov** - Commercial Litigation

### 2023 “LAWYER OF THE YEAR”:

In addition, 10 lawyers were included on the “Lawyer of the Year” list. The “Lawyer of the Year” award is presented to only one individual in a given geographical region and practice area each edition. To learn more about those lawyers, [click here](#).

**About Vorys:** Vorys was established in 1909 and currently has nearly 375 attorneys in eight offices in Ohio, Washington, D.C., Texas, Pennsylvania and California. Vorys currently ranks as one of the 200 largest law firms in the United States according to *American Lawyer* magazine.