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Ferguson Admitted to American College of Trust and Estate Counsel

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Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP is pleased to announce that Vic Ferguson, a partner in the firm's Columbus office, has been inducted into the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). ACTEC is a nonprofit association of lawyers and law professors skilled and experienced in the preparation of wills and trusts; estate planning; and probate procedure and administration of trusts and estates of decedents, minors and incompetents.

"Vic joins a talented group of Vorys partners as an American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Fellow," said Scott Powell, chair of the Vorys probate and tax group. "His election to the College further demonstrates the respect that he has of his peers in the field. We're very happy for Vic and applaud this achievement."

To qualify for membership, a lawyer must have no less than 10 years of experience in the active practice of probate and trust law or estate planning. According to ACTEC, lawyers and law professors are elected to be fellows based on their outstanding reputation, exceptional skill, and substantial contributions to the field by lecturing, writing, teaching and participating in bar activities.

Ferguson practices in the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration, litigation involving estates and trusts, and representation of tax-exempt organizations. He has extensive experience formulating and implementing estate plans designed to minimize estate taxes and efficiently manage family wealth. In addition, he counsels business owners, executives, physicians, professionals, and their families in designing comprehensive estate and business succession plans. Ferguson also regularly counsels tax exempt organizations, including hospitals and hospital systems, private foundations, colleges, universities, community/charter schools, trade associations and social welfare organizations, regarding structuring mergers and reorganizations, qualification for tax exemption, joint ventures of nonprofit and for profit entities, nonprofit governance issues, compliance with private foundation rules, unrelated business income planning, fundraising programs, for profit subsidiary planning, public charity qualification and use of supporting organizations.

Ferguson is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, the Columbus Bar Association, the Legal Advisory Committee of The Columbus Foundation and the Worthington Estate Planning Council. He received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from The University of Akron School of Law, where he was the editor-in-chief of the *University of Akron Law Review* and the *University of Akron Tax Journal*. Ferguson received his B.A. from Wittenberg University.

About Vorys: Vorys was established in 1909 and currently has nearly 375 attorneys in seven offices in Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Akron, Ohio; Washington, D.C.; Houston, Texas; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Vorys currently ranks as one of the 200 largest law firms in the United States according to *American Lawyer* magazine.