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More Than 100 Vorys Attorneys Named to 2016 The Best Lawyers in America® List

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One-hundred and eighteen lawyers from Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2016.

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. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called Best Lawyers “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.”

Vorys has the most 2016 Best Lawyers in Columbus. The Best Lawyers from the Vorys Columbus office are:

- **W. Jonathan Airey** - Oil & Gas Law
- **Anker M. Bell** - Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law
- **Theodore A. Boggs** - Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental
- **Adam K. Brandt** - Corporate Law
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- **Robin Canowitz** - Health Care Law
- **Michael J. Canter** - Antitrust Law, Litigation - Antitrust
- **Nelson D. Cary** - Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation - Labor & Employment
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Related Services

Antitrust and Trade Regulation

Appellate Practice

Bankruptcy, Restructuring and
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Employee Benefits and Executive

- **Thomas H. Fusonie** - Commercial Litigation
- **Sheila Nolan Gartland** - Real Estate Law
- **Russell M. Gertmenian** - Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law
- **Robert A. Harris** - Employment Law – Management
- **Herbert A. Hedden** - Franchise Law
- **Kimberly Weber Herlihy** - Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Jonathan D. Iten** - Litigation – Intellectual Property
- **Reginald W. Jackson** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Dan L. Jaffe** - Tax Law
- **Benita A. Kahn** - Energy Law
- **John K. Keller** - Oil & Gas Law
- **Allen S. Kinzer** - Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation - Labor & Employment
- **William D. Kloss, Jr.** - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- **Mark A. Knueve** - Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor & Employment
- **John J. Kulewicz** - Appellate Practice, Civil Rights Law
- **John L. Landolfi** - Commercial Litigation
- **Randall D. LaTour** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy
- **Michael G. Long** - Bet-the-Company Litigation, 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
- **Linda R. Mendel** - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Fredrick E. Mills** - Government Relations Practice
- **Daniel J. Minor** - Real Estate Law
- **Robert A. Minor** - Workers' Compensation Law - Employers

Compensation

Employment Litigation

Environmental

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Finance

Franchising and Distribution

Government Relations

Intellectual Property

International

Labor and Employment

Litigation

Mass / Toxic Tort and Product
Liability Litigation

Real Estate

Taxation

Technology Transactions

Trusts, Estates and Wealth
Transfer

- **Jonathan M. Norman** - Employment Law - Individuals, Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor & Employment
- **M. Howard Petricoff** - Energy Law
- **William G. Porter** - Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- **Scott Powell** - Tax Law
- **Frederick L. Ransier** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Lisa Pierce Reisz** - Health Care Law
- **Russell R. Rosler** - Corporate Law
- **Ronald L. Rowland** - Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- **Thomas O. Ruby** - Banking and Finance Law, Equipment Finance Law, Commercial Finance Law
- **Gregory D. Russell** - Energy Law
- **Allen L. Rutz** - Construction Law
- **D. Michael Schira** - Real Estate Law
- **Richard D. Schuster** - Commercial Litigation; Personal injury Litigation
- **Suzanne J. Scrutton** - Health Care Law
- **Michael J. Settineri** - Energy Law
- **Bradley K. Sinnott** - Workers' Compensation Law - Employers
- **Carl D. Smallwood** - Appellate, Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, Workers' Compensation Law - Employers
- **Andrew C. Smith** - Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management
- **J. Theodore Smith** - Construction Law, Real Estate Law
- **David A. Swift** - Trusts and Estates
- **Thomas E. Szykowny** - Insurance Law
- **Robert E. Tait** - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- **Jill S. Tangeman** - Land Use & Zoning Law
- **Thomas M. Tarpy** - Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management
- **Mark E. Vannatta** - Non-Profit/Charities Law, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates

- **Jonathan R. Vaughn** - Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation - Labor & Employment
- **John C. Vorys** - Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law
- **Webb I. Vorys** - Corporate Law
- **Travis J. Wahl** - Banking and Finance Law
- **Kristin L. Watt** - Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental
- **John B. Weimer** - Banking and Finance Law, Equipment Finance Law, Commercial Transactions/UCC Law
- **Anthony D. Weis** - Mergers & Acquisitions Law
- **John P. Wellner** - Real Estate Law
- **James A. Wilson** - Antitrust Law, Litigation - Antitrust
- **Kelly Jennings Yeoman** - Employment Law – Management
- **Scott J. Ziance** - Public Finance Law

Best Lawyers from the Vorys Cincinnati office are:

- **Terri R. Abare** - Corporate Compliance Law, Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Melvin A. Bedree** - Banking and Finance Law, Franchise Law
- **Charles C. Bissinger, Jr.** - Real Estate Law
- **Kent A. Britt** - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Construction, Litigation - ERISA
- **Daniel J. Buckley** - Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation
- **Whitney Gibson** - Commercial Litigation
- **David A. Groenke** - Trusts and Estates
- **Hani R. Kallas** - Banking and Finance Law
- **Andrew M. Kaplan** - Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- **Nathaniel Lampley, Jr.** - Commercial Litigation
- **Roger E. Lautzenhiser, Jr.** - Corporate Law
- **Jeffrey A. Marks** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Mark A. Norman** - Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental
- **Eric W. Richardson** - Commercial Litigation
- **Kimberly A. Schaefer** - Corporate Law
- **Michael G. Schwartz** - Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- **Cynthia A. Shafer** - Banking and Finance Law
- **Donald J. Shuller** - Real Estate Law
- **Victor A. Walton, Jr.** - Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation - Labor & Employment

- **Rosemary D. Welsh** - **Product Liability Litigation - Defendants**
- **Glenn V. Whitaker** - Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, Qui Tam Law

Best Lawyers from the Vorys Cleveland office are:

- **Matthew E. Albers** - Health Care Law
- **Barton A. Bixenstine** - Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor & Employment
- **Bryan J. Farkas** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy
- **Michael J. Garvin** - Litigation – Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Trademark Law
- **James J. McMonagle** - Arbitration, Mediation
- **Anthony J. O'Malley** - Commercial Litigation
- **Drew T. Parobek** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **David J. Tocco** - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Securities

Best Lawyers from the Vorys Akron office are:

- **F. Daniel Balmert** - Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- **Thomas R. Crookes** - Commercial Litigation
- **Philip F. Downey** - Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation
- **Jay P. Porter** - Real Estate Law
- **J. Bret Treier** - Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law
- **Mark A. Watkins** - Litigation – Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Trademark Law

Best Lawyers from the Vorys Houston office are:

- **Stephen D. Browning** - Real Estate Law
- **Jackie Ford** - Employment Law – Management, Employment Law – Individuals, Labor Law – Management
- **Thomas H. Grace** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **David A. Oliver** - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
- **Steven R. Rech** - Commercial Litigation
- **Richard A. Schwartz** - Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Labor and Employment, Mediation
- **Robert A. Seale, Jr.** - Tax Law, Trusts and Estates

Best Lawyers from the Vorys Washington, D.C. office are:

- **Pamela A. Bresnahan** - Commercial Litigation, Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law, Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants

In addition, 16 Vorys attorneys have been named Best Lawyers' 2016 Lawyers of the Year. Each year, only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community is honored as the "Lawyer of the Year." To learn more about those lawyers, click [here](#).

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