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

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One-hundred and eleven lawyers from Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2017.

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 2017 Best Lawyers in Columbus. The Best Lawyers from the Vorys Columbus office are:

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- **Dan L. Jaffe** - Tax Law
- **John K. Keller (retired)** - 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
- **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 (retired)** - Government Relations Practice
- **Daniel J. Minor** - Real Estate Law
- **Robert A. Minor** - Workers' Compensation Law - Employers
- **Jonathan M. Norman** - Employment Law - Individuals, Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor & Employment
- **Bruce P. Paige** – Corporate 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

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- **Ronald L. Rowland** - Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
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- **John B. Weimer** - Banking and Finance Law, Commercial Finance Law, Commercial Transactions/UCC Law, Equipment Finance Law,

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- **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:

- **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 – Defendants
- **Whitney C. 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, International Mergers and Acquisitions
- **Jeffrey A. Marks** - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law
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- **Michael G. Schwartz** – Commercial Litigation, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- **Cynthia A. Shafer** - Banking and Finance 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
- **Bryan H. Falk** – 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
- **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
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- **Mark A. Watkins** - Litigation – Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Trademark Law
- **Elia O. Woyt** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization 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
- **Monica Oathout** – Employment Law – Management
- **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

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, 15 Vorys attorneys have been named *Best Lawyers' 2017 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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