

## News

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Vorys is pleased to announce that 130 of the firm's attorneys have been included on the 2026 *Best Lawyers in America*® list and 61 Vorys attorneys were named to *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America list.

Eight Vorys attorneys were also featured in *Best Lawyers'* "Lawyer of The Year Awards." [You can read more about these attorneys here.](#)

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- **Dan L. Jaffe** – Tax Law
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- **Chadwick Reynolds** – Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Adam J. Rocco** – Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Russell R. Rosler** – Corporate Law
- **Gregory D. Russell** – Energy Law, Oil and Gas Law
- **Gary J. Saalman** – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
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- **Jacinto Núñez** – Economic Development Law, Real Estate Law
- **Bret Treier** – Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Nonprofit / Charities Law
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- **Carrie Mae Brosius** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Jennie L. Church** – Real Estate Law
- **Kari B. Coniglio** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation
- **Marcel C. Duhamel** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 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
- **James J. McMonagle** – Arbitration, Mediation

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- **William D.G. Baldwin** – Real Estate Law
- **Charles C. Bissinger, Jr.** – Real Estate Law
- **Kent A. Britt** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – ERISA, Litigation – Health Care, Transportation Law
- **Elizabeth A. Callan** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **David Edelstein** – Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental
- **Whitney C. Gibson** – Commercial Litigation
- **David A. Groenke** – Trusts and Estates
- **David F. Hine** – Commercial Litigation
- **Jason Hodges** – Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Hani R. Kallas** – Banking and Finance Law
- **Nathaniel Lampley, Jr.** – Commercial Litigation
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- **Jacob D. Mahle** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Trusts and Estates
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Distressed Situations

Business Organizational Matters,  
Including Entity Selection and  
Capital Structure

Class Actions

Copyrights

Corporate and Business  
Organizations

Corporate Diversity, Equity and  
Inclusion Programs

Corporate Governance

Crisis Management

Data Strategy, Privacy and  
Security

eCommerce Litigation

eControl

Employee Benefits and Executive  
Compensation

Employer Internal Investigations

Employment Counseling

Employment Litigation

Environmental

Environmental Litigation, Dispute  
Resolution and Crisis

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
- **Jeff G. Stagnaro** – Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Corporate Law, Trusts and Estates
- **Patrick R. Veith** – Corporate Law, Real Estate Law, Trusts and Estates
- **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
- **Elizabeth E. W. Weinewuth** – Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- **Rosemary D. Welsh** – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Kristin Woeste** – Real Estate Law

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- **Jacquelyn Meng Abbott** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Stephen D. Browning** – Real Estate Law
- **Monica A. Fitzgerald** – Employment Law – Management
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- **Iona N. Kaiser** – Patent Law
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- **Brent M. Giddens** – Employment Law – Management Litigation, Labor and Employment
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Management

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Federal Taxation

Finance

Franchise Finance

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Intellectual Property

International

Labor and Employment

Labor Relations

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Litigation and Appeals

Mass / Toxic Tort and Product  
Liability Litigation

Mergers and Acquisitions

Patents

Professional Liability and  
Discipline

Property Tax Management

Real Estate

Real Estate Finance

Securities Law Compliance

Securities Offerings

Securities, Shareholder Disputes  
and Corporate Governance

State and Local Taxation

Tax and Economic Development  
Incentives

Taxation

Technology Transactions

Trade Secrets

Trademarks

Trusts, Estates and Wealth  
Transfer

Workouts and Restructuring

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- **Jana P. Grimm (retired)** – Employment Law – Management
- **Samuel L. Stoller** – Oil and Gas Law
- **Keith A. Zabela** – Oil and Gas Law

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- **Elizabeth S. Alexander** – Commercial Litigation
- **Adam Borgman** – Labor and Employment – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
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- **Oliver D. Frey** – Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Matthew D. Gutierrez** – Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Rebecca L. Hill** – Litigation – Labor and Employment
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- **Megan Savage Knox** – Tax Law
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- **Gretchen Rutz Leist** – Privacy and Data Security Law
- **Judson S. Millhon III** – Labor and Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Nathaniel Morse** – Environmental Law
- **Sydney N. Pahren** – Health Care Law
- **Lauren E. Ramamurthy** – Labor and Employment Law – Management
- **Danielle S. Rice** – Commercial Litigation
- **Rylee R. Snively** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **George L. Stevens** – Labor and Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment

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- **Asafu Suzuki** – Immigration Law
- **Emily J. Taft** – Commercial Litigation
- **Jake A. Thorn** – Commercial Litigation
- **Mitch Tobias** – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Patricia C. Vargas Vegas** – Immigration Law
- **Thomas J. Whaling** – Litigation – Construction
- **Brady R. Wilson** – Commercial Litigation
- **Frank C. Zonars** – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law

## CLEVELAND:

- **Margaret S. Echols** – Commercial Litigation
- **Michael H. Gibbons** – Corporate Law, Real Estate Law
- **Nicholas R. House** – Banking and Finance Law, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Real Estate Law
- **Cauley Simmons Oliver** – Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law

## CINCINNATI:

- **Wesley R. Abrams** – Commercial Litigation, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Leslie A. Allen** – Intellectual Property Law
- **Theron C. Anderson** – Corporate Law
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- **Brian P. Baxter** – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Petra Bergman** – Commercial Litigation
- **Daniel R. Bross** – Real Estate Law
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