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Practice Areas

Banking & Financial
Services Litigation

Banking, Bankruptcy &
Creditors' Rights Law

Real Estate Litigation & Title
Insurance Law

Torts & Litigation

Education

- Cleveland-Marshall
College of Law, *Magna
Cum Laude*, J.D., 2004
- Cleveland State Law
Review, Managing
Editor
- Baldwin-Wallace
College, *Magna Cum
Laude*, B.A., 2001

Admissions

Ohio, 2004

Kentucky, 2015

Michigan, 2018

West Virginia, 2019

U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Sixth Circuit, 2004

U.S. Federal Court for the
Northern District of Ohio,
2004

U.S. Federal Court for the

The managing partner of the firm's Columbus, Ohio office, David L. Van Slyke serves as co-leader of the firm's Real Estate Litigation & Title Insurance Practice Group. His practice focus includes general litigation, title insurance litigation and banking and finance law.

Mr. Van Slyke's clients include insured owners and lenders under title insurance policies and title insurance companies in escrow defalcations, coverage matters and closing protection letters. He represents corporate clients in commercial litigation, including commercial loan workouts, lease disputes, easement and pipeline litigation, receiverships, defense of consumer litigation, disputes as to mortgage repurchase agreements, as well as clients involved in contract and residential real estate disputes.

Mr. Van Slyke's representation of clients has involved all phases of pleading, discovery and motion practice, trial advocacy in various state courts and briefing and argumentation in several appellate districts. He is licensed to practice in both state and federal courts in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia, as well as fully licensed to practice law in Michigan.

Representative Client Work

- Represents mortgage-brokers/originators in disputes relative to repurchase agreements and secondary market litigation
- Represents sellers and/or purchasers in disputes relative to the Ohio Residential Property Disclosure Form and Real Estate Purchase Contract

DAVID L. VAN SLYKE Cont.

Southern District of Ohio,
2005

U.S. Federal Court for the
Western District of
Kentucky, 2019

U.S. Federal Court for the
Eastern District of Kentucky,
2019

U.S. Federal Court for the
Southern District of West
Virginia, 2019

- Represented national title insurance company in escrow defalcation involving commingling of funds and fraudulent loan disbursements
- Regularly represents lenders in litigation involving lien priority disputes, mortgage/lien validity, enforceability of options to purchase/rights of first refusal and mortgage fraud
- Regularly consults and represents title insurance companies on coverage and liability issues relative to escrow/closing agent duties
- Represents landlords and tenants in disputes as to lease covenants
- Regularly presents commercial lenders in foreclosure/loan workout and litigation involving receiverships
- Regularly represents interested parties in easement and pipeline enforcement litigation

Professional Affiliations

- Indiana Land Title Association
- Kentucky Land Title Association
- Ohio Land Title Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Columbus Bar Association

Publications and Lectures

- Since 2013, presented lectures on issues affecting real estate litigation to agents at several national and regional title insurers in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana
- Ohio Land Title Association, Speaker, 2017 - 2025
- Ohio State Bar Association, Speaker, 2014 - 2017, 2021 - 2022
- "Case Law & Legislative Update," Presenter, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, Ohio, June 17, 2025
- "Property Management Essentials: Teamwork & Evictions," Speaker, Ohio Association of Realtors, 2017
- "Title Insurance Claims," Moderator, Indiana Land Title Association, 2016
- Legal Descriptions, Title Insurance and Surveys in Real Estate Transactions, Speaker, National Business Institute, 2016

DAVID L. VAN SLYKE Cont.

- "Oil & Gas Issues in Indiana," Speaker, Indiana Land Title Association, 2014
- "Top Title Defects - Cured," Speaker, National Business Institute, 2010-2011, 2014-2015
- "Oil & Gas, Litigation Issues," Speaker, National Business Institute, 2014
- "Resolving Complex Commercial Title Defects," Speaker, National Business Institute, 2013
- "From Examination to Commitment" Workshop, Speaker, National Business Institute, 2012
- "Clearing Title to Distressed Real Estate," Speaker, Half Moon LLC, 2011-2012
- "From Examination to Commitment" Workshop, Speaker, National Business Institute, 2012
- "Distressed Real Estate," Speaker, Half Moon LLC, 2011
- "Residential Real Estate Basics (Liens on Real Property), Speaker, National Business Institute, 2010
- "Ohio Title Insurance (Current Issues in Title Claims), Speaker, PESI Law, 2009
- "Real Estate Law: Advanced Issues and Answers (Liens on Real Property), Speaker, National Business Institute, 2009

Publications

- "Baldwin's Ohio Practice, Ohio Real Estate Law," Contributing Editor, Kuehnle & Levey, (3d ed. West, 2003), 2013-2025
- Ohio Land Title Association, Title Topics, November 2024 & July 2025

Community Involvement

- The Ohio State University LifeSports, Member, Advisory Board, 2016 - 2025

Fraternities

- Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honorary
- Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary

Honors & Recognitions

- Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star in Banking; Ohio Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters publication; 2015 - 2017