

## Services

### Alcohol Beverage Law

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Our counseling in this area is multifaceted including assisting with the acquisition of liquor permits, assessing the permit needs to potential tenants, evaluating the availability of permits, and assisting with multi-state transactions involving permit transfer issues. More specifically, we assist clients in acquiring permits for restaurants, hotels, shopping centers, resorts, grocery stores and a range of other venues. We also provide legal guidance to developers and landlords in assessing the liquor permit needs of their potential tenants. Our lawyers have experience in evaluating the availability of liquor permits under the population quotas for cities and townships across Ohio and in resolving local option election (wet/dry) issues. We also are experienced in establishing Community Entertainment Districts for urban commercial developments.

Our lawyers represent clients in multi-state transactions involving liquor permit transfer issues, and have solid working relationships with other counsel practicing in this area in locations across the country. In addition, we help industry clients to monitor and analyze legislation pending before the Ohio General Assembly, and we counsel clients on liquor liability, advertising and marketing issues. Our lawyers assist charitable and non-profit organizations that want to hold fundraisers at which alcoholic beverages are sold under temporary permits and/or which feature charitable gambling activities. We also represent clients in violation cases before the Liquor Control Commission and frequently advise clients on regulatory matters before the Division of Liquor Control.

### News

[News, 8.21.2025](#)

More Than 190 Vorys Attorneys Named to the 2026 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® Lists

[News, 8.15.2024](#)

More Than 170 Vorys Attorneys Named to the 31st Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® Lists

## Publications

Authored article, *Ohio State Bar Association's Law You Can Use*, 10.24.2016

Understanding the Evolution of Ohio's Liquor Laws

## Speaking Engagements

1.29.2016

Liquor and Gaming Seminar

Hosted by the Ohio State Bar Association

9.18.2015

Wholesale Beer and Wine Association of Ohio Annual Fall Convention

3.28.2014

Alcohol & Beverage Law Conference

hosted by CLE International

3.11.2014

21st Annual Legal Symposium on Alcohol Beverage Law & Regulation

hosted by The National Alcohol Beverage Control Association

10.7.2010

2010 All Ohio Real Estate Exchange