

# Services

## Appellate Practice

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Our firm has a distinguished tradition of effective appellate advocacy. We have represented clients in the Supreme Court of the United States, various federal circuit courts, the Supreme Court of Ohio, and other appellate courts across the nation. At the Ohio Supreme Court alone, our firm has appeared on more than 95 cases since 2014.

In such cases, we have briefed and argued many different matters, ranging from questions of constitutional interpretation, statutory construction, class certification, and application of the rules of evidence and civil procedure to detailed analysis of massive records created after multi-week trials. Our appellate attorneys have a wide breadth of experience in many different areas, as detailed below.

### *Types of Appeals:*

- Antitrust
- Bankruptcy
- Commercial
- Consumer Protection and Financial Services
- Creditors' Rights
- Energy and Utilities
- ERISA
- Federal Tax
- Health Care
- Labor and Employment
- Land Use, Zoning & Eminent Domain
- Oil & Gas
- Patent & Intellectual Property
- Real Estate
- State and Local Tax
- Workers' Compensation

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Our appellate work includes cases that the firm handled at trial as well as cases in which the firm has been retained after trial. In addition, we often file *amicus curiae* briefs for clients who have an important stake in the outcome of an appeal to which they are not a party. Our emphasis in all of our appellate work is on accurate, thoughtful, and persuasive presentation of the dispositive legal issues based on the appellate record, through concise briefs and focused oral argument.

## Experienced Advocates

Our ranks include more than 55 lawyers who served as law clerks on the Ohio Supreme Court, state and federal appellate courts, including in the several U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals, and federal district courts. These clerkships have given our lawyers valuable insight into potential appellate issues as well as the ways in which the appellate courts decide cases. In addition to our current attorneys, Vorys has a consulting relationship with a former colleague and former Supreme Court of Ohio Justice who has provided valuable guidance to many of our clients. The strength of Vorys' appellate practice is also evidenced by the fact that several of our colleagues have gone on to serve with distinction as judges on federal and state appellate courts.

## Pro Bono

In recognition of our fine appellate work, the Supreme Court of Ohio, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and other appellate courts have asked our lawyers to brief and argue cases as *pro bono* counsel on behalf of indigent clients whose cases present significant questions of law. Our appellate lawyers also been appointed by the Supreme Court of Ohio to serve on the Board of Bar Examiners, the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness, and the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline.

## News

[News, 2.19.2026](#)

Anderson Certified by Ohio State Bar as Specialist in Appellate Law

[News, 9.16.2025](#)

Former Ohio Supreme Court Justice Michael P. Donnelly Joins Vorys

[News, 8.21.2025](#)

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

[News, 1.2.2025](#)

Vorys Elevates Five to Partner

[News, 11.7.2024](#)

Vorys Receives 77 Tier One Rankings on 2025 *Best Lawyers* "Best Law Firms" List

[News, 10.4.2024](#)

Broz Receives Alumni Award from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

[News, 8.15.2024](#)

16 Vorys Attorneys Included in the 31st Edition of *Best Lawyers* "Lawyer of the Year"

[News, 8.15.2024](#)

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

[News, 6.7.2024](#)

Vorys Files Amicus Brief with the Supreme Court of The United States on Behalf of Ohio Farm Bureau

[News, 1.2.2024](#)

Vorys Elevates Ten to Partner

[News, 11.2.2023](#)

Vorys Receives 72 Tier One Rankings on 2024 *Best Lawyers* "Best Law Firms" List

[News, 10.9.2023](#)

74 Vorys Attorneys Included in 2023 *Columbus CEO's Best Lawyers*

[News, 8.17.2023](#)

More Than 155 Vorys Attorneys Named to the 30th Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® Lists

[News, 8.17.2023](#)

15 Vorys Attorneys Included in the 30th Edition of *Best Lawyers* "Lawyer of the Year"

[News, 11.3.2022](#)

Vorys Receives 69 Tier One Rankings on 2023 *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* "Best Law Firms" List

[6.29.2022](#)

59 Vorys Attorneys Included in 2022 *Columbus CEO's Best Lawyers*

[6.21.2022](#)

Vorys Wins 7-2 at U.S. Supreme Court in *Marietta Memorial Hospital Employee Health Benefit Plan v. DaVita Inc.*

News, 8.19.2021

116 Vorys Attorneys Named to 2022 *Best Lawyers in America* List; 34 Vorys Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers*' "Ones to Watch" List

News, 8.19.2021

Ten Vorys Attorneys Selected by Their Peers as "Lawyers of the Year"

News, 1.28.2021

Vorys Case Featured in *Marietta Times* Story Titled "Supreme Court of Ohio Rules Against Halliday, Ohio Power"

News, 8.20.2020

112 Vorys Attorneys Named to 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* List; 26 Vorys Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers*' Inaugural "Ones to Watch" List

News, 8.15.2018

More Than 100 Vorys Attorneys Named to 2019 *Best Lawyers in America*® List

News, 8.15.2016

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

News, 8.17.2015

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

News, 8.18.2014

More Than 100 Vorys Attorneys Named to 2015 *The Best Lawyers in America*® List

News, 11.1.2013

Vorys Receives 64 Tier One Rankings on 2014 *U.S. News* - *Best Lawyers* "Best Law Firms" List

News, 8.14.2013

More Than 100 Vorys Attorneys Named to 2014 *The Best Lawyers in America*® List

News, 2.28.2013

Vorys, OSU's Moritz College of Law Launch New Appellate Strategies and Perspectives CLE Series

News, 12.10.2012

Ehler Quoted in AP Story Entitled "Ohio Supreme Court Rejects Nonhighway Use of Fuel Taxes"

News, 12.6.2012

Vorys Attorney Quoted About Ohio Supreme Court's Contempt Finding Against Ohio Department of Natural Resources

News, 12.5.2012

Ingram Quoted in *Columbus Dispatch* story entitled "State justices hear residents' case against ODNR"

News, 9.7.2012

Miller Quoted in Story titled "Flooded-out Ohio landowners want to be compensated"

News, 8.23.2012

126 Vorys Attorneys included in the 2013 *The Best Lawyers in America*® List

News, 7.16.2012

Ehler Quoted in *Ohio Public Radio* Story titled "Supreme Court Hears Arguments Over CAT Tax On Gas Sales"

News, 9.6.2011

More than 100 Vorys Attorneys named on 2012 *The Best Lawyers in America*® List

News, 9.1.2011

Court rejects BMV fee increase

## Publications

Client alert, 3.3.2026

The Supreme Court of Ohio Clarifies Statutory Standing and Retroactive Remedies

Authored article, 12.4.2025

Who Frames the Case? Adhering to the Party Presentation Principle

Client alert, 11.24.2020

Ohio Second Appellate District Affirms "Wedding Barn" Not Exempt from Building Code

Authored article, *Appellate Law360*, 10.26.2015

Can Localities Use Ballot Power To Ban Oil And Gas Drilling?

Client alert, 7.2.2009

*Client Alert:* Vorys Trial Team Prevails in Medical Privacy Case

Client alert, 6.10.2009

*Client Alert:* Vorys Appellate Team Supports U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Successful Amicus Briefing Before En Banc Sixth Circuit in *Thompson v. North American Stainless LP*

Client alert, 4.7.2009

*Client Alert:* Supreme Court of Ohio Rejects Triangular Veil Piercing

Client alert, 10.16.2008

*Client Alert:* Vorys Appellate Team Wins Supreme Court of Ohio Case Upholding Constitutionality of Asbestos Reform Statute

Client alert, 10.1.2008

*Client Alert:* Vorys Appellate Team Wins Supreme Court of Ohio Case Redefining Standards for Corporate Veil Piercing

## Speaking Engagements

Event, 11.16.2023

2023 Vorys Legal Education (VLE) Seminar

1.30.2020

Advanced Insurance Coverage Seminar

9.21.2017

ILTA Ohio Litigation Support Statewide Meeting

*Become the Envy of Everyone with Systemized eDiscovery Project Management*

5.7.2017

Mortgage Bankers Association Legal Issues & Regulatory Compliance Conference

9.21.2015

Ohio and The Constitution: A Buckeye-State View of Presidents Without Mandates

Hosted by Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

11.7.2013

Appellate Strategies and Perspectives

A CLE series presented by Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

8.29.2013

Appellate Strategies and Perspectives

A CLE series presented by Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

1.31.2013

The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Year in Review

Presented by Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

9.14.2012

Ohio Constitutional Seminar: "Shall There Be a Convention to Revise, Alter, or Amend" the Ohio Constitution?

Presented by Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

6.14.2012

Emerging Trends in Appellate Practice Litigation from the Practitioners' Perspective

9.25.2009

Current Developments in Appellate Law on the 200th Anniversary of Judicial Review in Ohio

Presented by the Vorys Appellate Group