



## Joshua R. Eckert

ASSOCIATE

### Columbus

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### Education

The Ohio State University Moritz  
College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*,  
2016

Bowling Green State University,  
B.S.B.A., 2013

### Bar & Court Admissions

New Jersey

Ohio

*Admitted to practice law only in  
the states listed above.*

### Industries

Data Centers

Energy, Utilities, Oil and Gas

Josh is an associate in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the energy, environment & utilities subgroup. As prior in-house counsel at a large investor-owned utility, he has experience representing electric distribution utilities before various regulatory authorities and advising clients on potential regulatory issues and energy-related legislation. Since joining Vorys, Josh has advised clients across different industries on various energy-related issues and transactions. This experience includes providing regulatory guidance to large energy users like data centers and assisting with their negotiation of utility infrastructure and service agreements in multiple jurisdictions. He has also represented utilities, industrial customers, retail energy suppliers, renewable energy developers, and trade associations in matters before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Ohio Power Siting Board.

### Notable experience includes:

- Successfully negotiated the \$203M settlement of a utility's \$230M energy efficiency program proposal before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- Co-counsel on a 2020 petition to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to increase base distribution rates, which resulted in a settlement and implementation of a \$94M annual rate increase
- Co-counsel on a 2021 petition to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities seeking to establish an electric vehicle program, which resulted in a settlement approving an approximately \$40M program
- Lead in-house counsel for the preparation of a 2023 base distribution rate case filing to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- Drafted and successfully negotiated the settlement of a 2020 waiver petition, resulting in the temporary waiver of certain New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' regulations
- Co-counsel on a 2021 New Jersey Board of Public Utilities utility management audit
- Lead counsel on various large rider filings before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and formal customer complaint matters before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and Public Utilities

Commission of Ohio

Josh received his J.D. *cum laude* from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law where he was also the editor in chief of the *Ohio State Business Law Journal*. He also received his B.S.B.A. in finance and business analytics from Bowling Green State University.

