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PARTNER

Vic is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the probate and tax group. He practices in the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration, litigation involving estates and trusts and representation of tax-exempt organizations.

Career highlights include:

- Extensive experience formulating and implementing estate plans designed to minimize estate taxes and most efficiently manage family wealth
- Counseling business owners, executives, physicians, professionals, and their families in designing comprehensive estate and business succession plans
- Serving as counsel to fiduciaries for a large number of estates, trusts, and guardianships
- Representing both beneficiaries and individual and corporate fiduciaries in a wide variety of litigation involving estates and trusts
- Organizing numerous nonprofit corporations and qualifying them for tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service
- Regularly counseling tax exempt organizations, including hospitals and hospital systems, private foundations, colleges, universities, community/charter schools, trade associations and social welfare organizations, regarding structuring mergers and reorganizations, qualification for tax exemption, joint ventures of nonprofit and for profit entities, nonprofit governance issues, compliance with private foundation rules, unrelated business income planning, fundraising programs, charitable solicitations, charitable sales promotions, for profit subsidiary planning, public charity qualification and use of supporting organizations

Vic received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from The University of Akron School of Law where he was the editor in chief of the *University of Akron Law Review* and the *University of Akron Tax Journal*. He received his B.A. from Wittenberg University in 1994.

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Practice Areas

Litigation and Appeals

Taxation

Trusts, Estates and Wealth Transfer

Education

The University of Akron School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1998

University of Akron Law Review, Editor in Chief, 1997-1998;
University of Akron Tax Journal, Editor in Chief, 1997-1998

Wittenberg University, B.A., 1994

Bar & Court Admissions

Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Admitted to practice law only in the states listed above.

Industries

Colleges and Universities

Family Offices

Tax-Exempt Organizations

Honors & Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America, Trust and Estates, 2018–2026

Columbus CEO, Best Lawyers, Nonprofit / Charities Law, 2023–2025;
Trusts & Estates, 2023–2025

Professional and Community Activities

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Fellow

Ohio State Bar Association

Columbus Bar Association

Worthington Estate Planning Council

Leadership Columbus, 2010 Graduate

Brookside Golf and Country Club, Former Board of Directors