



## Susan Barrett Harty

PARTNER

### Columbus

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### Practice Areas

Appellate Practice

Class Actions

eCommerce Litigation

Employment Litigation

Environmental

Labor and Employment

Litigation and Appeals

Mass / Toxic Tort and Product  
Liability Litigation

### Education

University of Dayton School of  
Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1991

University of Dayton, B.A., 1988,  
with Honors

### Bar & Court Admissions

Ohio

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

Susan is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the litigation practice group. She is national counsel for a Fortune 50 corporation, defending it on all toxic tort products and premises liability, intentional tort and workers' compensation matters. She also is national counsel for a Fortune 500 corporation in toxic tort and premises liability matters. Susan is also a member of the national toxic torts defense team for another Fortune 500 company. She has assisted multinational clients in developing and implementing litigation hold policies and records management programs. She also develops strategies for the client's compliance with emerging issues such as PFAS as well as international hazardous material regulations, such as REACH, (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemical Substances), RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive) and GHS (Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals). Susan develops product warning and risk reduction programs for clients and works extensively with experts on medical, industrial hygiene, epidemiology, human factors and toxicological issues regarding PFAS, food flavorings and additives, asbestos, benzene, beryllium, butadiene, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, silica, TDI (toluene Di-isocyanate) and other toxins.

### Career highlights include:

- As national counsel, successfully defending toxic tort products and premises claims in almost every state as well as in federal courts, including through Multi-District Litigation
- Successfully defending five wage and hour class action lawsuits in Massachusetts and obtaining a favorable decision in the Massachusetts Supreme Court
- Securing the dismissal of a putative class action alleging claims of fraud and breach of contract against a software developer

Susan is a frequent speaker and writer on topics regarding class actions, litigation holds, e-discovery and the recent changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, REACH, China RoHS, European Union RoHS and global hazardous material regulations. She is chair of the firm's Rates, Fees and Engagements Committee and a member of the

**Industries**

Manufacturing

Transportation and Logistics

firm's Management Committee. She previously served as a member of *Law360's* Aerospace & Defense editorial advisory board.

Susan received her J.D. *summa cum laude* from the University of Dayton School Of Law and her B.A. with honors from the University of Dayton.

Susan also is the founder and initial co-chair of Vorys Women's Initiative.

As chair of the firm's training committee, Susan developed and implemented the firm's comprehensive attorney training program.

**Events**

4.24.2013

Impact of Encryption on Records Management

4.12.2013

The Impact of International Privacy on Discovery

10.27.2010

2010 E-Discovery CLE

11.12.2009

Current Issues in Commercial Law and Litigation