



## Kelvin M. Lawrence

PARTNER

### Columbus

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### Practice Areas

Property Tax Management

State and Local Taxation

Taxation

### Education

University of Michigan Law  
School, J.D., 2007

Florida A&M University, B.A.,  
*summa cum laude*, 2002

### Bar & Court Admissions

Ohio

U.S. Tax Court

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

### Industries

Health Care

Tax-Exempt Organizations

Kelvin is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the probate and tax group. He has nearly 20 years of experience counseling clients including businesses in the manufacturing, real estate development, health care, financial services, technology, and charitable sectors on state and local tax matters. Kelvin regularly advises clients on Ohio, federal and multi-state tax issues, helping them minimize tax exposure and resolve complex tax controversies.

Kelvin has significant experience representing clients in Ohio property tax disputes, including valuation appeals and exemption applications. He also assists clients with tax controversies involving sales and use taxes, commercial activity tax, tax abatements, and pass-through entity tax issues.

In addition, Kelvin has counseled clients on the tax aspects of business transactions, including pre-sale due diligence, voluntary disclosures, and purchase agreement tax provisions. He has successfully secured significant tax refunds for clients and has represented businesses and tax-exempt organizations in audits, appeals, and compliance efforts before state and local taxing authorities.

### Representative matters include:

- Advocating for real estate developers and business owners in Ohio property tax controversies involving sales, entity transfers, and tax abatements in a rapidly evolving legislative environment
- Securing Ohio property tax exemptions for multimillion-dollar hospitality, exhibition, and parking facilities
- Counseling clients on sales and use tax compliance and audit defense in government contracting, medical, financial services, and advertising industries, among others
- Successfully appealing Ohio commercial activity tax assessments and refund denials
- Advising sellers of multistate companies on state income and pass-through entity tax treatment of gains from sales of business assets and equity

- Representing health care systems and residential care facilities in Ohio property tax valuation appeals and exemption matters

Kelvin has been recognized for his leadership in the tax bar and is active in several professional organizations. He has served in leadership roles for the American Bar Association Section of Taxation and the Ohio State Bar Association. He is also a frequent speaker and author on state and local tax topics and has been published in *Bloomberg Tax*.

Kelvin earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and his B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Florida A&M University.