

## Vorys Welcomes Seven First-Year Associates

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Vorys is pleased to welcome seven new first-year associates to the firm. Christopher LaRocco joined the Columbus office; Lauren Brown, Timothy Dougherty and Laura Erdman joined the Cincinnati office; Natalia Cabrera joined the Cleveland office; and Andrew Gordon-Seifert and Brian Simmons joined the Akron office.

### Columbus

**Christopher LaRocco** joined the litigation group in the Vorys Columbus office. He recently graduated from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, where he was the managing editor of the *Ohio State Law Journal* and a co-founder of The Ohio State Energy Law Society. He was a Vorys summer associate in 2014. Christopher also served as a research assistant to Moritz Professor Christopher Walker. He received his B.A. from Gonzaga University.

### Cincinnati

**Lauren Brown** joined the corporate group in the Vorys Cincinnati office. She recently graduated *summa cum laude* from the Washington and Lee University School of Law, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and the lead articles editor of the *Washington and Lee Law Review*. Lauren was a Vorys summer associate in 2014. Earlier this year, she served as a legal extern for the University of Virginia General Counsel's Office. Lauren received her B.A. *magna cum laude* from Denison University.

**Timothy Dougherty** joined the litigation group in the Vorys Cincinnati office. He recently graduated from Vanderbilt University Law School, where he was a member of the *Vanderbilt Law Review* and a student adviser for the National Moot Court Team. Timothy was a Vorys summer associate in 2014. He was also a legal intern for the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Tennessee. Timothy received his B.A. *cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame.

**Laura Erdman** joined the litigation group in the Vorys Cincinnati office after serving as a law clerk to the Honorable William O. Bertelsman in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. She was a Vorys summer associate in 2013. Laura received her J.D. *summa cum laude* from Washington and Lee University, where she was the executive editor of the *Washington and Lee Review*. She received her MPA from the University of Colorado and her B.A. *magna cum laude* from the University of Maryland.

## Cleveland

**Natalia Cabrera** joined the litigation group in the Vorys Cleveland office. She recently graduated *cum laude* from the Boston College Law School, where she was an executive articles editor and executive comment editor for the *Environmental Affairs Law Review*. Natalia was a Vorys summer associate in 2014. She was also a legal intern for the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division's Environmental Enforcement Section. Natalia received her B.A. *magna cum laude* from Case Western Reserve University.

## Akron

**Andrew Gordon-Seifert** joined the litigation group in the Vorys Akron office after serving for a year as a legal fellow at The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. He also worked as a judicial extern for Chief Judge R. Guy Cole, Jr. in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Andrew received his J.D. *cum laude* from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and his B.A. and B.M. *magna cum laude* from The Ohio State University.

**Brian Simmons** joined finance, energy and real estate group in the Vorys Akron office. He recently graduated *cum laude* from the University of Akron School of Law, where he was a member of the *Akron Law Review*. He was a Vorys summer associate in 2014. Prior to law school, Brian worked as a commercial real estate broker for First Western Properties. He received his MBA from Roosevelt University and his B.A. from The Ohio State University.

**About Vorys:** Vorys was established in 1909 and currently has nearly 375 attorneys in seven offices in Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Akron, Ohio; Washington, D.C.; Houston, Texas; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Vorys currently ranks as one of the 200 largest law firms in the United States according to *American Lawyer* magazine.