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Vorys is pleased to announce that 130 of the firm's attorneys have been included on the 2026 *Best Lawyers in America*® list and 61 Vorys attorneys were named to *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America list.

Eight Vorys attorneys were also featured in *Best Lawyers'* "Lawyer of The Year Awards." [You can read more about these attorneys here.](#)

*Best Lawyers* has been regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence for more than 40 years due to its exhaustive peer-review survey, in which more than 39,000 leading attorneys cast votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas. Attorneys are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, adding to the legitimacy of *Best Lawyers'* results. *Ones to Watch* honors are given to early-career attorneys who display professional excellence in private practices based in the United States, relying on the same peer-review process as *The Best Lawyers in America*® list.

### *Best Lawyers in America*® by Office:

#### COLUMBUS:

- **Michael J. Ball** – Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Timothy J. Bechtold** – Government Relations Practice
- **Robert A. Bell, Jr.** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Adam K. Brandt** – Corporate Law
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- **Nelson D. Cary** – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment

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- **Daniel J. Clark** – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – ERISA, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Tiffany Strelow Cobb** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law – Bankruptcy, Litigation
- **David W. Cook** – Immigration Law
- **Perry W. Doran II** – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- **Jennifer Dunsizer** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Ryan D. Elliott** – Environmental Law
- **Michael P. Farrell** – Banking and Finance Law
- **Victor J. Ferguson** – Trusts and Estates
- **Jacklyn J. Ford** – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Nonprofit / Charities Law
- **John F. Furniss III** – Trusts and Estates
- **Thomas H. Fusonie** – Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- **Suzanne Galyardt** – Nonprofit / Charities Law, Trusts and Estates
- **Sheila Nolan Gartland (retired)** – Real Estate Law
- **Anthony J. Giuliani** – Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental
- **Rick W. Grady** – Construction Law, Litigation – Construction
- **Liam Gruz** – Health Care Law
- **Robert A. Harris** – Employment Law – Management
- **Susan Barrett Harty** – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Jolie N. Havens** – Health Care Law
- **Kimberly Weber Herlihy** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Rodney A. Holaday** – Commercial Litigation
- **Dan L. Jaffe** – Tax Law
- **Allen S. Kinzer** – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **William D. Kloss, Jr. (retired)** – Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- **Christopher J. Knezevic** – Economic Development Law
- **Mark A. Knueve** – Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment

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- **John M. Kuhl** – Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- **John L. Landolfi** – Advertising Law, Commercial Litigation
- **Judith L. Marsh** – Banking and Finance Law, Commercial Finance Law, Commercial Transactions / UCC Law, Franchise Law
- **Michael D. Martz** – Corporate Law
- **Douglas R. Matthews** – Commercial Litigation, Employment Law – Management
- **Theodore P. Mattis** – Commercial Litigation
- **Natalie M. McLaughlin** – Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Joseph R. Miller** – Land Use and Zoning Law
- **Karen M. Moore** – Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates
- **Martha Brewer Motley** – Commercial Litigation
- **Bruce P. Paige** – Corporate Law
- **Sachiyo Isoda Peterson** – Immigration Law
- **Gretchen Petrucci** – Energy Regulatory Law
- **William G. Porter** – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- **Christine M. Poth** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **D. Scott Powell** – Tax Law
- **Nicholas M.J. Ray** – Tax Law
- **Chadwick Reynolds** – Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Adam J. Rocco** – Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Russell R. Rosler** – Corporate Law
- **Gregory D. Russell** – Energy Law, Oil and Gas Law
- **Gary J. Saalman** – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Suzanne J. Scrutton** – Health Care Law
- **Michael J. Settineri** – Energy Law
- **Benjamin A. Shepler** – Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Andrew C. Smith** – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Theodore Smith** – Construction Law, Real Estate Law
- **Jonathan K. Stock** – Economic Development Law

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- **Wendy Swary** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Jill S. Tangeman** – Economic Development Law, Land Use and Zoning Law
- **Mark E. Vannatta (retired)** – Nonprofit / Charities Law, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- **Jonathan R. Vaughn (retired)** – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Webb I. Vorys (retired)** – Corporate Law
- **Travis J. Wahl** – Banking and Finance Law
- **Kristin L. Watt** – Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental, Natural Resources Law
- **Robert M. Webner** – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
- **John B. Weimer** – Banking and Finance Law, Commercial Finance Law, Commercial Transactions / UCC Law, Equipment Finance Law
- **Anthony D. Weis** – Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Elissa Wilson** – Economic Development Law
- **James A. Wilson** – Antitrust Law, Litigation – Antitrust
- **Nici Workman** – Banking and Finance Law
- **Scott J. Ziance** – Economic Development Law, Public Finance Law

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- **Aaron S. Berke** – Economic Development Law, Project Finance Law, Public Finance Law
- **Thomas R. Crookes** – Commercial Litigation, Employment Law – Management
- **Ashley Manfull** – Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management
- **Jacinto Núñez** – Economic Development Law, Real Estate Law
- **Bret Treier** – Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Nonprofit / Charities Law
- **Mark A. Watkins** – Litigation – Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Trademark Law
- **Elia O. Woyt** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

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 Jonathan K. Stock  
 Samuel J. Stoller  
 Asafu Suzuki  
 Wendy M. Swary  
 Emily J. Taft  
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 Jake A. Thorn  
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 Brady R. Wilson  
 James A. Wilson  
 Kristin L. Woeste  
 Nici Workman  
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 Keith A. Zabela  
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 Frank C. Zonars

#### Related Services

Affordable Housing  
 Agency Finance  
 Alcohol Beverage Law  
 Ally Law  
 Antitrust and Trade Regulation

#### CLEVELAND:

- **Charles F. Billington III** – Labor Law – Management
- **Carrie Mae Brosius** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- **Jennie L. Church** – Real Estate Law
- **Kari B. Coniglio** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation
- **Marcel C. Duhamel** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation
- **Bryan H. Falk** – Banking and Finance Law, Real Estate Law
- **Bryan J. Farkas** – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy
- **Michael J. Garvin** – Litigation – Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Trademark Law
- **James J. McMonagle** – Arbitration, Mediation

#### CINCINNATI:

- **William D.G. Baldwin** – Real Estate Law
- **Charles C. Bissinger, Jr.** – Real Estate Law
- **Kent A. Britt** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – ERISA, Litigation – Health Care, Transportation Law
- **Elizabeth A. Callan** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **David Edelstein** – Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental
- **Whitney C. Gibson** – Commercial Litigation
- **David A. Groenke** – Trusts and Estates
- **David F. Hine** – Commercial Litigation
- **Jason Hodges** – Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Hani R. Kallas** – Banking and Finance Law
- **Nathaniel Lampley, Jr.** – Commercial Litigation
- **Roger E. Lautzenhisser, Jr.** – Corporate Law, International Mergers and Acquisitions
- **J.B. Lind** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance
- **Jacob D. Mahle** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- **Anthony L. Osterlund** – Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental, Litigation – Labor and Employment, Litigation – Real Estate, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Product

Antitrust and Trade Regulation  
Litigation

Appellate Practice

Bankruptcy, Restructuring and  
Distressed Situations

Business Organizational Matters,  
Including Entity Selection and  
Capital Structure

Class Actions

Copyrights

Corporate and Business  
Organizations

Corporate Diversity, Equity and  
Inclusion Programs

Corporate Governance

Crisis Management

Data Strategy, Privacy and  
Security

eCommerce Litigation

eControl

Employee Benefits and Executive  
Compensation

Employer Internal Investigations

Employment Counseling

Employment Litigation

Environmental

Environmental Litigation, Dispute  
Resolution and Crisis  
Management

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Federal Taxation

Finance

Franchise Finance

Franchising and Distribution

Government Relations

Immigration

Intellectual Property

International

Labor and Employment

Labor Relations

Land Use, Zoning, Real Property

Liability Litigation – Defendants

- **Emily Pan** – Trusts and Estates
- **Eric W. Richardson** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property
- **Kimberly J. Schaefer** – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Michael G. Schwartz** – Commercial Litigation, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- **Jeff G. Stagnaro** – Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Corporate Law, Trusts and Estates
- **Patrick R. Veith** – Corporate Law, Real Estate Law, Trusts and Estates
- **Victor A. Walton, Jr.** – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Elizabeth E. W. Weinewuth** – Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- **Rosemary D. Welsh** – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Kristin Woeste** – Real Estate Law

HOUSTON:

- **Jacquelyn Meng Abbott** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Stephen D. Browning** – Real Estate Law
- **Monica A. Fitzgerald** – Employment Law – Management
- **Carey C. Jordan** – Patent Law
- **Iona N. Kaiser** – Patent Law
- **Steven R. Rech** – Commercial Litigation

ORANGE COUNTY:

- **Brent M. Giddens** – Employment Law – Management Litigation, Labor and Employment
- **Cory D. Catignani** – Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Thomas N. McCormick** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Labor and Employment

and Eminent Domain

Litigation and Appeals

Mass / Toxic Tort and Product  
Liability Litigation

Mergers and Acquisitions

Patents

Professional Liability and  
Discipline

Property Tax Management

Real Estate

Real Estate Finance

Securities Law Compliance

Securities Offerings

Securities, Shareholder Disputes  
and Corporate Governance

State and Local Taxation

Tax and Economic Development  
Incentives

Taxation

Technology Transactions

Trade Secrets

Trademarks

Trusts, Estates and Wealth  
Transfer

Workouts and Restructuring

Workplace Safety and Workers'  
Compensation

## PITTSBURGH:

- **Phillip J. Binotto** – Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Jana P. Grimm (retired)** – Employment Law – Management
- **Samuel L. Stoller** – Oil and Gas Law
- **Keith A. Zabela** – Oil and Gas Law

## *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch<sup>®</sup> by Office:*

## COLUMBUS:

- **Elizabeth S. Alexander** – Commercial Litigation
- **Adam Borgman** – Labor and Employment – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Brian W. Dressel** – Labor and Employment – Management
- **Joshua R. Eckert** – Energy Law
- **Oliver D. Frey** – Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Matthew D. Gutierrez** – Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Rebecca L. Hill** – Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Elizabeth Howard** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Maxwell H. King** – Commercial Litigation
- **Jefferson M. Kiser** – Real Estate Law
- **Megan Savage Knox** – Tax Law
- **Nikkia A. Knudsen** – Health Care Law
- **Christopher A. LaRocco** – Privacy and Data Security Law
- **Gretchen Rutz Leist** – Privacy and Data Security Law
- **Judson S. Millhon III** – Labor and Employment Law – Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- **Nathaniel Morse** – Environmental Law
- **Sydney N. Pahren** – Health Care Law
- **Lauren E. Ramamurthy** – Labor and Employment Law – Management
- **Danielle S. Rice** – Commercial Litigation
- **Rylee R. Snively** – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **George L. Stevens** – Labor and Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment

- **Asafu Suzuki** – Immigration Law
- **Emily J. Taft** – Commercial Litigation
- **Jake A. Thorn** – Commercial Litigation
- **Mitch Tobias** – Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- **Patricia C. Vargas Vegas** – Immigration Law
- **Thomas J. Whaling** – Litigation – Construction
- **Brady R. Wilson** – Commercial Litigation
- **Frank C. Zonars** – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law

CLEVELAND:

- **Margaret S. Echols** – Commercial Litigation
- **Michael H. Gibbons** – Corporate Law, Real Estate Law
- **Nicholas R. House** – Banking and Finance Law, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Real Estate Law
- **Cauley Simmons Oliver** – Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law

CINCINNATI:

- **Wesley R. Abrams** – Commercial Litigation, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- **Leslie A. Allen** – Intellectual Property Law
- **Theron C. Anderson** – Corporate Law
- **Jessica K. Baverman** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property
- **Brian P. Baxter** – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- **Petra Bergman** – Commercial Litigation
- **Daniel R. Bross** – Real Estate Law
- **Bailey Drexler** – Trusts and Estates
- **Laura E. Erdman** – Technology Law
- **Alexander D. Iammarino** – Real Estate Law
- **Alexandra T. Kubala** – Commercial Litigation
- **Jeffrey A. Miller** – Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance
- **Zachary S. Mueck** – Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Corporate Law, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- **Joseph Michael Scherpenberg** – Real Estate Law
- **Alexander X. Shadley** – Commercial Litigation
- **Jabari A. Shaw** – Intellectual Property Law

- **Michael F. Soder** – Commercial Litigation
- **Emily St. Cyr** – Commercial Litigation, Labor and Employment Law – Management, Trusts and Estates
- **Zachary M. Sterling** – Banking and Finance Law

HOUSTON:

- **Grant M. Davis** – Intellectual Property Law
- **Maggie E. Martin** – Patent Law
- **Hamed Moradi** – Litigation – Labor and Employment
- **Matthew D. Przywara** – Commercial Litigation

ORANGE COUNTY:

- **Jocelyn M. Hoffman** – Labor and Employment Law – Management

PITTSBURGH:

- **Robert D. Shope** – Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Intellectual Property Law, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Labor and Employment, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

WASHINGTON D.C.:

- **Jacob M. Bartlett** – Environmental Law
- **Sarah A. Rhodes** – Real Estate Law
- **Andrew J. Tureaud** – Commercial Litigation

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