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## Trade Regulation

In the competitive business world, non-compete covenants and provisions protecting trade secrets are important tools that help companies protect their investments in information and employees. We have litigated non-compete and trade secret cases – on behalf of employees and employers – in diverse industries such as insurance, retail sales and automobile rentals, and for professions ranging from manicurists to physicians.

### **Ohio Motor Vehicle Dealer Act**

Our firm has represented clients on matters involving the Ohio Motor Vehicle Dealer Act for decades. We have helped our clients to avoid Dealer Act litigation and we have litigated disputes involving dealer terminations, relocations, and ownership transfers in federal and state courts and before the Ohio Motor Vehicle Dealers Board. Our clients include manufacturers and distributors of passenger autos, heavy duty trucks, motorcycles, and recreational vehicles.

We recently were asked to assist a major truck manufacturer which had lost the initial round of litigation concerning its intended termination of an Ohio dealer. Our lawyers obtained a reversal of that decision on appeal and successfully opposed an effort to have that appellate decision reviewed by the Supreme Court of Ohio. That result not only freed our client to terminate the dealer but also enabled the client to prevail, under the law of another state, in pending federal court antitrust litigation with the dealer.