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Ohio Government Relations

Our lawyers have built credibility and strong relationships with key decision-makers on both the state and local levels that help us to effectively advocate our clients' interests. Our advocacy is tailored to the specific needs of corporations, trade associations, and individuals. We offer hands-on representation before the Ohio General Assembly, Ohio administrative agencies, and county and local governmental entities.

Our attorneys and other professionals have decades of state, county, and municipal government experience. We regularly assist clients by providing legislative research, drafting proposed bills and amendments, facilitating meetings with legislators and other significant decision makers, preparing testimony, analyzing pending legislation, and monitoring legislative and local activities to ensure that our clients keep abreast of developments and have the opportunity to respond to those developments.

Our recent representations include the following matters:

- We provided strategic legislative counsel, including expert witness testimony and lobbying, to assist clients in the successful enactment of the first asbestos and silica tort reform legislation in the country
- We successfully represented Bob Evans Farms, Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, and Worthington Industries in pursuing favorable tax reform legislation
- On behalf of major United States ISPs, we drafted and successfully lobbied for Ohio's first civil and criminal SPAM statutes
- Our lawyers drafted and provided expert testimony related to expanding Ohio's Community Improvement Corporation law to assist with economic development in Ohio
- Implementing Ohio's new minimum wage constitutional amendment
- Appropriations for water resource and development projects, international humanitarian and development projects, library associations, universities and others

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- Best available technology (BAT) as to solid waste landfill rules for the paper industry
- Economic growth legislation
- Environmental legislation for oil and gas companies, petroleum marketers, manufacturers, many municipalities and convenience stores
- Health care reforms, including Certificate of Need legislation for Ohio hospitals, accomplishing legislatively what had been administratively denied for more than a half dozen years
- Law enforcement and crime control policies
- Ohio pension reform legislation
- Pesticide and toxic substance reform legislation and regulations
- Policy initiatives in the field of supercomputers, technology transfer (T2) and electronic data interchange (EDI)
- Pressure piping code enactment in Ohio to benefit of the chemical and petroleum industries and their customers, shareholders and work force
- Product liability and related insurance legislation
- Securities legislation for a national trade association and others
- State appropriations for an international law program at an Ohio law school
- Telecommunications for companies and trade associations
- Workers' compensation reforms
- Zoning changes for corporations, universities and others
- Creation of trade associations and coalitions to support various legislation
- Creation and registration of political action committees to support candidates