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Ms. Fairfield is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the litigation group. Her practice includes the defense of all types of civil litigation, including employment and business and commercial disputes.

Career highlights include:

- Representing automotive manufacturers in civil litigation including products liability and employment cases
- Being selected as the first woman in Ohio to the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1992
- Serving as trial counsel for a large manufacturer in all of its litigation, including large class action cases
- Representing a large university in disputes in litigation against athletic coaches

Ms. Fairfield is a member of the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Foundation, the Columbus Bar Association, and the Federal Bar Association.

Ms. Fairfield has served as a faculty member for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and as an Adjunct Professor of Trial Practice at The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law from 1985-1995. She has lectured frequently on employment law and trial practice matters.

Ms. Fairfield has served as a mediator during Settlement Week for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and for the Franklin County, Ohio, Court of Common Pleas. She has served on the Advisory Group for the Southern District of Ohio pursuant to the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990.

Ms. Fairfield received her J.D. *cum laude* from The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law where she was the Articles Editor for the *Ohio State Law Journal*. She received her B.A. with honors from Purdue University.

Practice Areas

Labor and Employment
Litigation

Industries

Manufacturing

Education

The Ohio State University Michael
E. Moritz College of Law, J.D.,
1972, *cum laude*
Ohio State Law Journal, Articles
Editor, 1972

Purdue University, B.A., 1970,
with Honors

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Publications

Charles F. Dugan & Mary Ellen Fairfield, "Liability in the Context of a Tender Offer," *Ohio State Law Journal*, 1974 (35 Ohio St. L.J. 412)

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Employment Law Bulletin

Professional and Community Activities

YWCA Endowment Fund, Former President and Former Treasurer, 1997-present

Advisory Group for the Southern District of Ohio, Member, pursuant to the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990

YWCA Columbus, President, 1982-1984; Treasurer, 1980-1982

The Center for New Directions, Board of Directors, 1982

Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, Commissioner, 1976-1978 (appointed by the Mayor of Columbus)

Ohio Bar Examiner, 1975

Honors and Awards

Columbus CEO, Top Lawyers in Columbus, 2010-2012

Fellow of the Ohio State Bar Foundation since 1992

Fellow of the Columbus Bar Foundation since 1990

The Best Lawyers in America, Columbus Litigation - Labor & Employment Lawyer of the Year, 2012

The Best Lawyers in America, Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2010-2012

The Best Lawyers in America, Labor and Employment Law and Personal Injury Litigation, 1995-2012

The Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation, 2006-2012

The Best Lawyers in America, Product Liability Litigation, 2007-2012

Ohio Super Lawyers, Employment and Labor, 2004-2012

Ohio Super Lawyers, Top 25 Women Columbus Area Super Lawyers, 2010-2012

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The Best Lawyers in America, Business Litigation, 1999-2007

YWCA Women of Achievement, 1993

Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, 1992

Events

2010 E-Discovery CLE

Bar and Court Admissions

Ohio

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio