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Mr. Rutz is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the litigation practice group. He specializes in commercial litigation, construction litigation, products liability and architect/engineer professional liability. Mr. Rutz is a Professional Engineer and former research project manager and draws upon that training and experience in litigating disputes involving scientific and technical subject matters and coordinating the efforts of consulting and testifying experts.

Practice Areas

Commercial, Finance, and Real Estate
Litigation

Industries

Building, Construction, and Design Services
Manufacturing

Education

Capital University Law School, J.D., 1998, *summa cum laude*
Capital University Law Review, 1996-1997

The Ohio State University, M.S., 1989

University of Cincinnati, B.S., 1984, *magna cum laude*

Career highlights include:

- Operating as national coordinating counsel of construction claims for firm clients, including manufacturers and a major retail chain
- Defending and prosecuting many disputes involving Architect/Engineer Professional Liability
- Inventing U.S. Patent Nos. 5,941,230 (principal) and 6,112,741
- Serving as lead counsel in a contract dispute over the specifications for thousands of printed circuit boards and obtaining directed verdict

Mr. Rutz is a frequent lecturer on products liability, construction litigation and architect/engineer liability, including presentations for the Ohio State Bar Association.

Mr. Rutz received his J.D. *summa cum laude* from Capital University Law School where he was a member of the Order of the Curia, the Order of the Barrister, and the National Moot Court team. Mr. Rutz was also a member of the *Capital University Law Review*. He received his M.S. from The Ohio State University, publishing his thesis on applying artificial intelligence methods to energy conservation. He received his B.S. *magna cum laude* from the University of Cincinnati where he was Tau Beta Pi and Pi Tau Sigma.

Mr. Rutz externed for the Honorable Alan E. Norris, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

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Publications

"After the Meter: Energy Products Liability in a Deregulated Environment," *Capital University Law Review*, 1997 (Vol. 26 No. 2) (Noted as "worth reading" by *The National Law Journal*, June 15, 1998)

Client Alert: Supreme Court of Ohio to Decide Whether Homebuilders Can Provide Express Written Warranty in Lieu of Implied Warranty of Good Workmanship

Honors and Awards

Columbus CEO, Top Lawyers in Columbus, 2010-2012

American College of Trial Lawyers Medal for Excellence in Advocacy, 1997

AV rated by Martindale-Hubbe

Events

Construction Law Forum

2009 Ohio Construction Law Forum

Bar and Court Admissions

Ohio

District of Columbia (inactive)

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

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

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

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office