



Practice Areas

Labor and Employment
Litigation

Industries

Manufacturing

Education

Capital University Law School,
J.D., 1976, *magna cum laude*,
Order of the Curia

University of Notre Dame, B.A.,
1973, *cum laude*

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Mr. Balmert is the managing partner of the Vorys Akron office and practices in the areas of general litigation, product litigation, employment law, and workers' compensation. He focuses on defense of employment and product liability matters in federal and state courts in Ohio and surrounding states as well as litigation of mass tort claims involving alleged manganese exposures from welding fumes. He is licensed in the state and federal courts of Ohio, and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan and the United States District Court, District of Nebraska.

Career highlights include:

- Serving as Ohio counsel to a welding machine manufacturer in more than 400 product liability cases involving allegations related to welding fumes, manganese and parkinsonism
- Negotiating and securing Industrial Commission of Ohio approval of the first structured settlement of an Ohio workers' compensation death claim
- Managing and resolving a group of over 270 asbestos-related workers' compensation claims against an Ohio employer in state court
- Successfully trying to verdict multiple employment discrimination cases and obtaining affirmance on appeal of an employer defamation and wrongful termination claim
- Litigating to resolution multiple consumer product liability cases and workers' compensation jury matters
- Concluding multiple employer intentional tort cases involving death and/or significant, disabling and disfiguring injuries
- Achieving status as a Life Member of both the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference and the Eighth Judicial District of Ohio

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- Serving on the Advisory Committee to the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio from 1998 to 2008 and as an Emeritus Member since 2008

Mr. Balmert is a member of the Federal Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association and the Akron Bar Association, and is a Master Benchers in the Cleveland Employment American Inn of Court.

Mr. Balmert is a frequent lecturer for both the Self-Insured Group of Ohio and The Ohio Self-Insurers Association on medical and legal issues. In 2006, he delivered a presentation at the annual meeting of the Association of Legal Administrators in Montreal, Quebec, Canada on the topic of leadership in law firm management.

Mr. Balmert received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Capital University Law School where he was a member of the Order of the Curia. He received his B.A. *cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame.

Professional and Community Activities

Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, Executive Council, 2006-present; Secretary, 2010-2012; Vice President, 2012-2013; North Central Regional Chairperson, 2009-present

United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Advisory Group Member, 1998-2008; Emeritus, 2008-present

Defense Research Institute, Member

Self-Insurers Group of Ohio, Trustee, 2003-present; President, 2010-2011

Akron Bar Association, Board of Trustees, 2008-2011

Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group to U.S.D.C. N.D., Ohio, Member, 1995-1998

Former Member, Nomination/Review Committees for Applicants to the U.S.D.C. N.D., Ohio, Federal Court Panel

Bluecoats Incorporated, Member, 2006-present

Old Trail School, Emeritus Trustee, 1998-present

Fairlawn Country Club Board of Trustees, 1995-1999; President, 1997-1998

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Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Cleveland Chapter, Board of Trustees, Chairman, 1994

Susan G. Komen Foundation; Northeast Ohio "Pink Tie Guy", 2011-2012

Honors and Awards

Fellow of the Akron Bar Foundation since 2004

Fellow of the Ohio State Bar Foundation since 2007

The Best Lawyers in America, Workers' Compensation Law, 1995-2012

Ohio Super Lawyers, Top 100 Super Lawyers in Ohio, 2009

Ohio Super Lawyers, Employment and Labor, 2004-2012

Inside Business, Northeastern Ohio's Leading Lawyers, 2001-2012

Akron Life and Leisure, Top Lawyers in Greater Akron 2007-2012

Events

Akron Bar Association's 18th Annual Workers' Compensation Seminar

Self Insurers' Group of Ohio Education Day

Bar and Court Admissions

Ohio

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

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

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

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Iowa

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

United States District Court – Nebraska