



Thomas L. Gabelman

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Mr. Gabelman is a partner in the Vorys Cincinnati office and a member of the commercial and real estate group. He has worked on behalf of clients to secure economic development assistance including multi-million dollar grants and loans.

Mr. Gabelman has served as Project Counsel to Hamilton County since 1997 regarding the \$2.5 billion redevelopment of Ohio's Southern Gateway. He was instrumental in obtaining \$51 million in federal and state grants and \$16 million in low-interest loans in the last 3 years on the project.

Mr. Gabelman has assisted clients in property acquisition, financing and development, preparation of bid documents, contract negotiations, project administration and dispute resolution. He has worked on numerous construction projects, including sports stadiums and arenas, convention centers, industrial and manufacturing facilities, distribution centers, elder-care complexes, highways, hospitals, high rise buildings, utilities, schools, shopping centers, parking facilities, and other commercial, retail and residential development projects.

Career highlights include:

- Serving as Special Project Counsel to Hamilton County, Ohio since 1997 regarding the negotiation of various agreements pertaining to the \$2.5 billion redevelopment of Cincinnati's downtown riverfront area, including the Great American Ball Park, Paul Brown Stadium, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and the \$800 million Banks mixed-use development project

Practice Areas

Commercial, Finance, and Real Estate

Government Relations

Litigation

Taxation

Industries

Building, Construction, and Design Services

Commercial and Residential Real Estate

Government

Education

University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D., 1984

University of Cincinnati, B.A., 1980, *summa cum laude*

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- Managing the resolution of several complex construction claims, including those relating to the design and construction of a \$1.0 billion manufacturing facility in Rockport, Indiana; the design and construction of a \$45 million residential project in Dayton, Ohio; the construction of a \$32 million condominium project; the \$30 million design, construction and renovation of a botanical gardens complex; the dismantling of nuclear fuel facilities; and the construction of a \$27 million assisted-living residential complex in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Arbitration/mediation of numerous development and construction disputes

Mr. Gabelman is a member of the American Arbitration Association and the Cincinnati Bar Association.

Mr. Gabelman participated as faculty member and instructor for numerous construction and dispute resolution-related seminars sponsored by the Cincinnati Bar Association, the Northern Kentucky Bar Association, the Kentucky Bar Association, the University of Kentucky and Allied Construction Industries. Topics have included dispute avoidance and resolution, preservation of evidence, effective use of demonstrative evidence in dispute resolution proceedings, alternative dispute resolution methods, negotiating construction contract clauses, fundamentals of the bidding process, and a construction contract.

Mr. Gabelman received his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and his B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of Cincinnati.

Publications

Ohio Public Construction Reform Becomes Reality

Professional and Community Activities

Kelly-Carol Foundation for Children with Cancer, Board President, 2001-present

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Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services, Trustee and Board Chair, 2000-present

Leadership Cincinnati/Greater Cincinnati, Chamber of Commerce, Class Member, 2000; Steering Committee Member, 2001-2006

Children's Hospital Leadership Council, 1996-2002

Cincinnati Zoo, Legal Committee, 1996-2001

American Arbitration Association, Regional Advisory Council, 1991-1996

Hamilton County Association for Retarded Citizens, Chairman of the Board of Directors, 1990-1993; President, 1987-1990; Board Member, 1985-1994

St. Mary Athletic Association, President, 1992-1995

Honors and Awards

Hamilton County *Distinguished Citizen Award*, 2008

Ohio Super Lawyers, Construction/Surety, 2004-2009, 2011-2012

The Best Lawyers in America, Construction Law, 2007-2012

The Best Lawyers in America, Litigation - Construction, 2012

"Leading Lawyer," *Cincinnati Business Magazine*, 2005-2006

Leadership Cincinnati, Class XXIII

Phi Beta Kappa

Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honorary

Commencement Orator, University of Cincinnati

Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society/Scholarship Honorary

Cincinnati Business Courier, Forty Under 40

Events

2011 Construction SuperConference

2011 Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials Conference

CityScape Columbus: A View Towards Development & Growth Opportunities

CityScape Cincinnati: A View Towards Development & Growth Opportunities

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Bar and Court Admissions

Ohio

Kentucky (inactive)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

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