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Mr. Ferguson is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the probate and tax group. He practices in the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration, litigation involving estates and trusts, and representation of tax-exempt organizations.

Career highlights include:

- Extensive experience formulating and implementing estate plans designed to minimize estate taxes and most efficiently manage family wealth
- Counseling business owners, physicians, professionals, and their families in designing comprehensive estate and business succession plans
- Serving as counsel to fiduciaries for a large number of estates, trusts, and guardianships
- Representing both beneficiaries and individual and corporate fiduciaries in a wide variety of litigation involving estates and trusts
- Organizing numerous nonprofit corporations and qualifying them for tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service
- Regularly counseling tax exempt organizations, including hospitals and hospital systems, private foundations, colleges, universities, trade associations and social welfare organizations, regarding structuring mergers and reorganizations, qualification for tax exemption, joint ventures of nonprofit and for profit entities, nonprofit governance issues, compliance with private foundation rules, unrelated business income planning, fundraising programs, for profit subsidiary planning, public charity qualification and use of supporting organizations

Mr. Ferguson is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section Council of the Ohio State Bar Association, the Columbus Bar Association, the Legal Advisory

Practice Areas

Health Care

Litigation

Trusts, Estates, and Wealth Transfer

Industries

Trade Associations

Education

The University of Akron School of Law, J.D., 1998, *magna cum laude*

University of Akron Law Review, Editor-in-Chief,

1997–1998 *University of Akron Tax Journal*, Editor-in-Chief, 1997-1998

Wittenberg University, B.A., 1994

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Committee of The Columbus Foundation and the Worthington Estate Planning Council.

Mr. Ferguson has been a frequent guest as a “Legal Eagle” correspondent on WCMH TV 4. He has also conducted seminars on estate planning and tax exempt organizations.

Mr. Ferguson is a 2010 graduate of Leadership Columbus.

Mr. Ferguson received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from The University of Akron School of Law where he was the Editor-in-Chief of the *University of Akron Law Review* and the *University of Akron Tax Journal*. He received his B.A. from Wittenberg University in 1994.

Publications

“Law You Can Use: Make Sure Your Assets Go To Intended Beneficiaries,” *Ohio State Bar Association Publication*, December 5, 2006

“What You Should Know about Powers of Attorney, What is a Health Care Power of Attorney?,” *Ohio State Bar Association Publication*, May 1, 2006

“Understanding the Different Forms of Bank Account Ownership,” *Ohio State Bar Association Publication*, May 1, 2006

Nonprofit Hospitals' Tax-Exempt Status Again in Spotlight

Estate Planning Alert: Federal Gift, Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer ("GST") Tax Changes Arising From the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 ("TRA 2010")

Client Alert: Recent Health Care Legislation Impacts Tax-Exempt Hospitals

Estate Tax Alert

"Depressed Stock Market Offers Unique Estate Planning Opportunities," *Columbus C.E.O. Magazine*

Honors and Awards

Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars, Estate Planning and Probate, 2005-2007

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Events

23rd Annual Conference on Wealth Transfer
Ohio State Bar Association Annual Convention

Bar and Court Admissions

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