



William G. Porter

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Mr. Porter is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and chair of the litigation group. His trial practice focuses on general civil litigation with particular expertise in commercial and business disputes, product liability matters and construction law. He has represented manufacturers, franchisors, financial institutions, publicly held and closely held corporations, land grant universities, architectural and engineering design firms, and a variety of businesses and individuals in complex litigation, including class actions.

Practice Areas

Litigation

Industries

Building, Construction, and
Design Services
Colleges and Universities
Financial Institutions
Manufacturing

Education

Case Western Reserve University
School of Law, J.D., 1984
Amherst College, B.A., 1978, *cum
laude*

Career highlights include:

- Serving as national trial counsel with respect to manufacturers' liability claims
- Representing businesses and individuals in various actions, including class actions, in federal and state courts
- Serving as lead counsel in a construction arbitration resulting in a favorable multi-million dollar award

Mr. Porter is a member of the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the Columbus Bar Association.

Mr. Porter is a frequent lecturer on attorney-client privilege issues, internal investigations and on trial advocacy issues, including presentations to the Ohio State Bar Association on "How to Handle the Obstreperous Lawyer in Depositions" and "Real Evidence for Trial Attorneys."

Mr. Porter received his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law where he was a member of the National Mock Trial Team and received the American College of Trial Lawyers Medal for Excellence in Advocacy and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Commendation for Distinguished Achievement in Advocacy. He received his B.A. *cum laude* from Amherst College.

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Publications

“Corporate Communications: Problems, Pitfalls and Practical Points,”
2010 (Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP publication)

Client Alert: Recent Supreme Court Ruling May Render Businesses
More Susceptible to Federal Class Action Suits

Client Alert: Ohio Judge Rules Preemption May Still Be Valid Defense,
Even After U.S. Supreme Court's *Levine* Decision

Professional and Community Activities

Central Ohio Transit Authority, Chair, Board of Trustees, 2002-2009

Bexley Education Foundation, Board of Trustees, 2007-present

Honors and Awards

Columbus CEO, Top Lawyers in Columbus, 2010-2012

Ohio Super Lawyers, Top 50 Super Lawyers in Columbus, 2010

Ohio Super Lawyers, General Litigation, 2008-2012

The Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation, 2006-2011

Events

Privilege. Privacy. Preservation. Managing Risks with Electronic
Communications

Trial Evidence for the Ohio Practitioner

Trial Evidence Seminar

Taking and Defending Effective Depositions

Trial Evidence for the Ohio Practitioner

Bar and Court Admissions

Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

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