

Vorys Wins Decisive Victory on Behalf of Toledo Mayor

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Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner and his legal team have put to rest an attempt to recall the Mayor from office in violation of Ohio election law. A team of lawyers from Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP, led by John J. Kulewicz of the firm's Columbus office, won a decisive victory in the Ohio Supreme Court on Monday, when the Court prohibited the Lucas County Board of Elections from placing the recall issue on the November ballot. John J. Kulewicz, William J. Pohlman, Mary C. Henkel, Michael J. Hendershot and Elizabeth A. Davis were counsel to the Mayor, joined by Toledo attorney Fritz Byers.

In a fast-paced, high profile case involving intricacies of Ohio election law, Vorys won a decisive victory on behalf of Mayor Finkbeiner. The Supreme Court of Ohio granted the rare form of order known as a writ of prohibition, unanimously endorsing the Mayor's position that the group seeking his recall had used an unlawful petition

form. The petitions omitted the warning, required by Ohio statute, that election falsification is a fifth degree felony. The case sets new precedent on the meaning of the Toledo Charter, based on painstaking research into the history of its provisions regarding recall elections, and confirms the strict requirements of Ohio election law.

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