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Rick is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and the leader of the toxic tort practice group. His practice includes serving as National Coordinating Counsel to several Fortune 500 companies, representing numerous clients state-wide in Ohio in toxic tort actions, advocating for tort reform and significant appellate work.

Career highlights include:

- Arguing before the Ohio Supreme Court on procedural and constitutional issues involved with Ohio's asbestos reform
- Testifying before the Ohio General Assembly on various occasions regarding legislation on tort reform, asbestos reform, silica reform and public nuisance reform
- Defending government contractors in several class action lawsuits alleging Price-Anderson Act claims
- Representing a governmental entity in a mandamus action before the Ohio Supreme Court

Rick has participated in a variety of seminars and made presentations on topics related to the expansion of litigation in the lead industry, federal and state toxic tort legislation, medical criteria in Ohio's asbestos legislation, preparing a winning silica case in Ohio and updates in silica litigation.

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

Rick received his J.D. from The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law with honors and his B.A. from Miami University.

Rick served as a law clerk for The Honorable John D. Holschuh of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

Insights

"Ohio Enacts Additional COVID-Related Immunity Legislation," November 24, 2020

"Ohio Enacts Broad COVID-19 Immunity Legislation," September 15, 2020

"Pending Ohio Legislation Provides Immunity from COVID-19 Claims and Presumptions of Employee Injury from COVID-19," June 8, 2020

"*Client Alert*: Gov. Kasich Signs H.B. 380," December 20, 2012

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Manufacturing

Nanotechnology

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University
Michael E. Moritz College of Law,
J.D., 1981, with Honors

Miami University, B.A., 1976

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Ohio

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

*Admitted to practice law only in
the states listed above.*

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

The Honorable John D.
Holschuh, United States District
Court for the Southern District of
Ohio, 1981-1983

VORYS

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"*Client Alert: Ohio Legislation to Increase Transparency Between Asbestos Trust Claims and Lawsuits,*" December 14, 2012

"*Client Alert: Cuyahoga Court of Appeals Applies Asbestos-Reform Law,*" February 12, 2009

"*Client Alert: EPA Announces Carbon Nanotubes to be Treated as New Chemical Under TSCA,*" December 16, 2008

"*Client Alert: Nanotechnology Excluded from Insurance by Continental Western Insurance Group,*" December 16, 2008

"*What Ohio's Retroactive Application Of Its Asbestos Legislation Means For The Litigation, Both Statewide And Nationwide,*" *Mealey's Litigation Report*, November 12, 2008

"*Client Alert: Vorys Appellate Team Wins Supreme Court of Ohio Case Upholding Constitutionality of Asbestos Reform Statute,*" October 16, 2008

Honors and Awards

Columbus CEO, Top Lawyers in Columbus, 2010-2018

The Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation, 2011-2021

The Best Lawyers in America, Litigation-Personal Injury, 2016-2021

Ohio Super Lawyers, Class Action/Mass Torts, 2007-2009, 2013-2019

Martindale-Hubbell AV Peer Review Rated

Events

Vorys On Call: Coronavirus - Return to Work Preparedness
October 8, 2020

National Asbestos Litigation Conference
September 26, 2013

Appellate Strategies and Perspectives
August 29, 2013

Asbestos Litigation Conference
March 18, 2013

Current Developments in Appellate Law on the 200th Anniversary of Judicial Review in Ohio
September 25, 2009