



NATALIA STEELE

Partner [Cleveland Office](#)

Phone [216.479.6187](tel:216.479.6187)

Fax [216.937.3755](tel:216.937.3755)

Email nsteele@vorys.com

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

Privacy & Data Security

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University
Michael E. Moritz College of Law,
J.D., 2007, *cum laude*

*Ohio State Journal on Dispute
Resolution*, managing editor,
2006-2007

Cleveland State University, M.A.,
Labor Relations and Human
Resources, 2001

John Carroll University, B.A.,
2000, *cum laude*

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Ohio

Pennsylvania

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

U.S. District Court for the
Western District of Michigan

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

Natalia is a partner in the Vorys Cleveland office and a member of the litigation group, where her practice is focused on business litigation and Vorys eControl. She has represented clients in a wide range of complex commercial matters, including in the areas of M&A shareholder derivative litigation, patent infringement, commercial contract disputes, business torts, consumer lending and lender liability, employee departures, insurance-related disputes, franchise litigation, ERISA and employee benefits, directors' and officers' liability, construction, and products liability.

As part of the Vorys eControl team, Natalia counsels businesses on issues related to e-commerce and online brand protection, combatting illegal online sales and developing legal claims against unauthorized online sellers.

Career highlights include:

- Defending a financial institution in a 9-day jury trial which resulted in a nominal verdict, where the potential exposure approached \$2 million.
- Successfully representing a materials manufacturer in a 1.5 week jury trial that resulted in two unanimous verdicts and allowed compensatory damages nearing \$1.4 million
- Representing a national bank as part of national coordinating counsel teams in defense of lender liability claims across 13 states
- Successfully defending several financial intuitions against putative shareholder class action lawsuits challenging proposed mergers of those financial institutions
- Representing parties in investigations being conducted by the Securities and Exchange Commission
- Representing parties in internal investigations concerning compliance with generally accepted accounting principles
- Representing corporate policyholders against their insurers in litigation arising out of product liability and property damage claims

Before attending law school, Natalia worked for several years in the health care management field.

Insights

"*Client Alert: Equifax Data Breach: Another Reminder to be Proactive in Protecting Your Business,*" September 12, 2017

"*Client Alert: New Jersey Enacts Restrictions on Retailers' Collection and Use of Consumer Identification Information,*" July 27, 2017

VORYS

NATALIA STEELE

(Continued)

"*Client Alert: TCPA Does Not Allow Consumers to Revoke Consent When Given As Part of Binding Contract, Second Circuit Holds,*" June 26, 2017

"*Client Alert: A Record FCRA Verdict Entered Against TransUnion,*" June 22, 2017

"*Client Alert: The Supreme Court Finds that Purchasers of Debts in Default are not "Debt Collectors" Under the FDCPA,*" June 12, 2017

"*Client Alert: Supreme Court Allows Cities To Sue Banks For Predatory Lending Under Fair Housing Act,*" May 2, 2017

"Is Your Advertising Contract Worth the Paper It's Written On?," February 13, 2017

"Home Free ... Or Not So Fast?," December 15, 2016

"*Client Alert: Ohio Supreme Court Finds a Bank Has Standing to Enforce the Mortgage Even If It Cannot Collect From the Borrower on the Underlying Debt,*" July 11, 2016

"*Financial Services Alert: Narrow Win For Spokeo at The U.S. Supreme Court: Plaintiffs Must Demonstrate Concrete Harm Even For Statutory Violations,*" May 16, 2016

Professional and Community Activities

Board Member, Vocational Guidance Services, Inc., June 2012-present

Executive Board Member, American Constitution Society, 2015-present

Team coach for Cleveland Metropolitan School District Mock Trial Competition, 2008-November 2013

Partner in Justice for Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, assisting LASC in its fundraising efforts, 2010-present

Honors and Awards

CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Appellate Advocacy, 2005

CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Pretrial Litigation, 2007

Clinical Director's Award for excellence and dedication

Jessup International Law Moot Court Team, 2006-2007

Events

Vorys Consumer Financial Services Summit

NATALIA STEELE

(Continued)

2017 Consumer Financial Services Summit

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association International Women's Day: Women Leading Their Way

2016 Consumer Financial Services Summit

2016 Cleveland Privacy Summit

Big Data and the Internet of Things: Updates for 2016

Vorys Consumer Financial Services Summit

2015 Vorys Consumer Financial Services Summit