



PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

EDUCATION

Capital University Law School,
J.D., 2009, *summa cum laude*,
Order of the Curia

University of Rochester, B.S.M.E.,
1998, Phi Beta Kappa

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Ohio

Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals

Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

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

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

U.S. Supreme Court

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

MITCHELL A. TOBIAS

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Mitch is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the litigation group. Mitch is a member of Vorys' drone and autonomous vehicle working group, with a focus on the energy industry. He is also a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, the Columbus Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association.

Notable experience includes:

- Serving as second chair in a week-long jury trial concerning a franchise dispute, securing a favorable result for client.
- Serving as second chair in a bench trial concerning a commercial property dispute, securing a favorable result for client.
- Serving as first chair in a bench trial and subsequent appeal involving the Convention on The Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, securing a favorable result for the client in both the trial court and the Sixth Circuit.
- Serving on multiple teams representing clients in construction law, commercial property and oil & gas lease disputes.
- Defending product liability claims involving products ranging from small consumer goods to large industrial equipment.
- Coordinating document production in patent litigation matters.
- Presenting at the Ohio State Bar Association Construction Law Forum CLE.
- Defending a Criminal Justice Act (CJA) client in a Sixth Circuit appeal and subsequent petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Supreme Court.

In late 2013, Mitch began a 4-month secondment as in-house counsel for one of the firm's clients. During his secondment, Mitch assisted the client with all legal matters involving a division of the company.

Mitch received his J.D. *summa cum laude* from Capital University Law School, where he was a member of the Order of Barristers and the Order of the Curia. He was also a member of the Capital University National Moot Court Team, competing in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition. He received his B.S.M.E. from the University of Rochester, where he was Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi.

Prior to joining Vorys, Mitch was a practicing mechanical engineer. In that role, his notable experiences included:

- Designing scales with capacities of up to 1.5 million pounds for weighing vehicles such as over-the-road trucks, off-highway trucks, and rail cars.
- Co-inventor of U.S. Patent No. 8,353,388.

Mitch has been able to apply his education and experience as a mechanical engineer to

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support his efforts defending product liability claims.

Insights

"CGL Insurance Coverage for Defective Work of Subcontractors," August 10, 2016

Professional and Community Activities

Fellow, Columbus Bar Foundation

Member, Programming Committee, NAIOP, Central Ohio Chapter

Events

Ohio Insurance Institute Continuing Legal Education Symposium

March 3, 2020

OSBA New Lawyer Training

June 21, 2019

OSBA Young Lawyer Connect Seminar

December 17, 2018

EMLF Careers in Energy Law

October 17, 2018

Ohio Oil & Gas Association Winter Meeting 2018

March 9, 2018