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Practice Areas

- Crisis Management
- Government Relations
- Tax and Economic Development Incentives
- Taxation

Education

West Virginia University, B.A., 2001

Former Ohio State Senator Lou Gentile (D) is a principal for Vorys Advisors LLC, a wholly owned affiliate of the law firm, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. He focuses his work on providing strategic counsel to businesses and organizations throughout Ohio, with an emphasis on economic development. Lou works closely with the law firm’s economic development incentive practice group, guiding clients seeking to utilize federal, state and local incentives.

Since joining Vorys Advisors in 2017, Lou has helped secure millions in economic development incentives for a large scale development in eastern Ohio revitalizing a former industrial site. His work has led to the creation of hundreds of jobs. Lou played a critical role in helping a higher education institution secure nearly \$1 million for a workforce development training center, supporting workers in communities impacted by the loss of jobs in Appalachia Ohio.

Lou’s work also includes assisting developers seeking economic development incentives in Qualified Opportunity Zones.

Prior to joining Vorys Advisors, Lou spent 15 years working in government and politics. Elected to the Ohio House and Senate, Lou served in the Ohio legislature from 2011-2017. In the Senate, Lou was selected by his peers as the assistant minority whip for the Senate Democrats and as the ranking democrat on the Senate Energy Committee. He also served on the influential Senate Finance Committee and Public Utilities Committee.

Before being elected to the Ohio legislature, Lou served as Governor Strickland’s deputy director of the Governor’s Office of Appalachia. In this office, he managed a \$10 million grant program focused on investing in infrastructure, workforce development and job creation programs in the region. In addition, Lou worked with both the private sector and local governments to grow and attract jobs.

Lou continues public service today as a member of the Jefferson County Board of Elections. He is a frequent contributor on the Columbus Sunday morning television shows NBC4’s The Spectrum and 10TV’s Face the State.

A native of Steubenville, Lou graduated in 2001 from West Virginia University with a B.A. in political science.

Events

10.20.2020

Effective Use of Economic Development Incentives in Small and Mid-Sized Communities Webinar

9.11.2017

Ohio Chemistry Technology Council Member Retreat & Golf Outing