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Seven Vorys attorneys have been named 2015 Lawyers of the Year by Best Lawyers. Each year, only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community is honored as the “Lawyer of the Year.” According to Best Lawyers, lawyers being honored as “Lawyer of the Year” have earned a high level of respect among other lawyers in the same communities and the same practice areas for their abilities, professionalism and integrity.

Columbus

Herbert A. Hedden has been named the 2015 Best Lawyers’ Columbus Franchise Law Lawyer of the Year. Hedden, a partner, represents franchisors, subfranchisors and master franchisees in planning the structure of franchise relationships and the initiation of new franchise programs, as well as in the preparation of franchise agreements and franchise disclosure documents and in obtaining state franchise registrations nationwide.

Jill S. Tangeman has been named the 2015 Best Lawyers’ Columbus Land Use and Zoning Law Lawyer of the Year. She is a member of the finance, energy and real estate group. Tangeman focuses her practice in commercial real estate with an emphasis on zoning, land use regulation and developer representation.

John B. Weimer has been named the 2015 Best Lawyers’ Columbus Equipment Finance Law Lawyer of the Year. He is a partner and the leader of the finance practice group. Weimer represents borrowers and lenders in all types of commercial finance transactions ranging from syndicated secured credit facilities to public notes offerings to securitization facilities to receivables purchase transactions.

Michael J. Canter has been named the 2015 Best Lawyers’ Columbus Litigation – Antitrust Lawyer of the Year. He is a partner and a member of the litigation group. Canter’s practice is focused on high risk/high value business litigation and related conflict counseling. He has specialized knowledge and experience in antitrust and trade regulation, business and commercial law, consumer protection,

customs and international trade, health care law, litigation and appeals, non-profit and tax-exempt organizations.

Russell M. Gertmenian has been named the 2015 Best Lawyers' Columbus Corporate Compliance Law Lawyer of the Year. He serves as the firm's managing partner. Gertmenian engages in the practice of general corporate and contract law, including mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and initial public offerings and acts as general counsel to a variety of public and private corporations. He was the Best Lawyers' 2014 Columbus Corporate Governance Lawyer of the Year.

James A. Wilson has been named the Best Lawyers' 2015 Columbus Antitrust Lawyer of the Year. He is a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the litigation group. Wilson represents clients in a wide variety of antitrust matters, including criminal investigations and trials, civil actions and Hart-Scott-Rodino investigations. He was the Best Lawyers' 2014 Columbus Litigation - Antitrust Lawyer of the Year.

Cincinnati

Victor A. Walton, Jr. has been named the Best Lawyers' 2015 Cincinnati Litigation - Banking and Finance Lawyer of the Year. Walton, a partner, focuses his practice on complex litigation. He has significant experience defending corporations and individuals in parallel proceedings brought under the False Claims Act by the government or whistleblowers. Walton's work includes complex litigation, including multiple class action defense in accounting, ERISA, employment, and commercial class actions.

More than 100 Vorys attorneys were included on the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America*® List. [Click here](#) to see a full list of the firm's 2015 Best Lawyers.