



David Paragas serves as a devoted advocate who emphasizes technical strength and preparation. David represents a wide array of clients in forums that stretch from the statehouse to the courthouse – and on issues that range from healthcare to educational programs to homelessness.

Co-chair of the firm's Federal Relations practice, David advises on policy matters before the White House and federal agencies and the Ohio General Assembly, state agencies and departments. David provides clients with more than three decades of legislative, political, lobbying and legal experience, including serving as a former senior aide to two Ohio Senate presidents.

David advises clients on economic development, infrastructure and public private partnership matters before state and local government. As special counsel to the Ohio Attorney General, David has represented multiple state departments, agencies and universities on complex legal matters, including securities transactions and litigation, structured finance and concession agreements. Notably, he has successfully argued multiple cases before the Ohio Supreme Court.

In addition, David has advised on numerous statewide, legislative, judicial and local campaigns, including various candidates for the Ohio Senate. He has handled virtually all facets of a campaign, such as polling, issue development and grassroots organization. As a consultant, David has also been involved in statewide and local ballot initiatives, including horsing, gaming and anti-smoking issues.

By seeking to deliver the right blend of legislative and legal skills, David advocates his clients' objectives across many different venues while safeguarding their position. He thrives under the challenge of realizing diverse client goals, and has provided veritable defenses and persuasive arguments in court and before forums and agencies on the full array of commercial law issues.

With an absolute focus on professionalism and carefully balanced approach to negotiation, David is appreciated for his seemingly natural

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EDUCATION

Capital University Law School, (J.D.),
1990

Ohio Wesleyan University, (B.A.),
international business and politics and
government, 1983

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Ohio

COURT ADMISSIONS

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

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

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Product Liability and Mass Torts

White Collar and Investigations

INDUSTRIES

Charter Schools and School Innovation
Education

Federal Government Relations and
Lobbying

Government and Public Finance

Government Services

Healthcare

ability to establish immediate rapport and trust. By diffusing the emotional aspects of an issue, David serves as the catalyst for setting personal opinions aside to resolve the issues at hand and realize client's objectives.

Professional and Community Involvement

Former board of trustees chair and executive committee member, United Way of Central Ohio

Former (the first) chair, Flying Horse Farms

Board of trustees member and Diversity Committee chair, Columbus School for Girls

Board member and Diversity and Inclusion Committee member, Junior Achievement of Central Ohio

Member, Mid-Ohio Foodbank Public Policy Committee

Board of trustees member, Ohio Council of Retail Merchants

Member, Asian American Bar Associations of Ohio and Central Ohio

Member, Ohio State Bar Association

Member, Ohio Lobbying Association

1984 Society, Inc.

Honors

The Best Lawyers in America, 2006-2024; Lawyer of the Year, 2015 and 2016

Ohio Super Lawyers magazine, legislative and government affairs, healthcare and administrative law, 2005-2006 and 2008-2019

Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities

Public Policy and Lobbying

Public-Private Partnerships

State and Local Government - Ohio

University and Professional Athletics