



## Christopher Tackett

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### OVERVIEW

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Chris is an experienced first-chair commercial litigation attorney focusing on business litigation involving unfair competition, intellectual property, and complex commercial contract disputes. At his core, Chris is a problem solver that takes pride in identifying and executing creative solutions to resolve complex issues. Chris frequently handles commercial litigation matters involving trade secrets and other types of intellectual property, unfair competition matters, disputes about non-competes and other restrictive covenants, as well as business breakups and all types of partnership/shareholder disputes. Also, Chris has significant expertise litigating class action cases and other types of procedurally complex litigation, including as lead counsel in the successful defense of a nationwide class action alleging violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA).

In his active business litigation practice, Chris has represented companies in courts throughout the country, and in state and federal courts all across Ohio, as first-chair counsel in numerous hearings on preliminary injunctions, trials, and appellate oral arguments. Chris is a frequent writer and lecturer on topics relating to business torts and unfair competition, including many nationally published articles. Further, Chris serves as Vice Chair of Content and former Editor of the Business Torts & Unfair Competition Quarterly Journal for the ABA's Litigation Section.

### EDUCATION

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Doctor of Jurisprudence: Ohio Northern University – Claude W. Pettit College of Law (2011)

Bachelor of Arts: Ohio University (2008)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

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Ohio

### PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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Cutting through the Noise: What Your Business Needs to Know About the FTC's Proposed Rule to Ban Non-Compete Agreements Nationwide -Columbus Bar Association, Legal Connections feature, published in print edition of the Columbus Business First (February 17, 2023) (available at: [legalconnections02172023.pdf](#) (cbalaw.org))

Five Tips for Protecting your Company's Brand-Related IP from Unfair Competition - Columbus Bar Association, Legal Connections feature, published in print edition of Columbus Business First (July 1, 2022) (available at: [legalconnections070122.pdf](#) (cbalaw.org))

Why Do Non-Compete Agreements Get All the Press? - Journal of the American Bar Association's Business Torts and

Unfair Competition Committee, Section of Litigation (Winter 2021 (Volume 29, Issue 1))

Overview on the Restrictive Covenants that Are More Important for Protecting Your Business Than Contentious Non-Competes – Columbus Bar Association Legal Connections, published in print edition of Columbus Business First (Dec 10, 2021)

FTC Limits: Understanding Noncompete Agreements After President’s Executive Order – Columbus Bar Association Legal Connections, published in print edition of Columbus Business First (Aug 26, 2021)

Lessons from COVID-Era Litigation at the Intersection of Price Gouging and Unfair Competition Relating to Medical Supplies – Journal of the American Bar Association’s Business Torts and Unfair Competition Committee, Section of Litigation, (Spring 2021, Volume 28, Issue 3) (Mar 18, 2021)

Why Companies Must Ensure Their Non-Solicitation Agreements Are Fit for the Social Media Era – Journal of the American Bar Association’s Business Torts and Unfair Competition Committee, Section of Litigation, (Fall 2020, Volume 28, Issue 1(S)ep 30, 2020)

Directors & Officers May Face Personal Liability in Subsequent Litigation for Actions Taken During Company Insolvency – Columbus Bar Association Legal Connections, published in print edition of Columbus Business First (Sep 18, 2020)

The High Risks of Neglecting Fiduciary Duties in Start-Up Firms – American Bar Association Journal of the ABA’s Business Torts and Unfair Competition Committee (Summer 2020, Volume 27, Issue 3) (Aug 3, 2020)

Rushed Transition to Work-from-Home Will Likely Lead to Increase in FLSA Wage-and-Hour Claims – Columbus Bar Association Legal Connections, published in print edition of Columbus Business First (Jun 26, 2020)

Three Years into the Defend Trade Secrets Act, How Do Its Remedies Differ in Practice from the Uniform Act’s Remedies? – American Bar Association (ABA) Business Torts & Unfair Competition (Winter 2020)

Tips on Filing for Preliminary Injunction in Trade Secret Cases – Considerations when Seeking Emergency Injunctions – American Bar Association (ABA) Business Torts & Unfair Competition Practice Points (Sep 30, 2019)

“Legal Update: COVID-19’s Impact on Federal Employment Laws and Best Practices for How Employers Can Stay Compliant” – Roetzel Webinar (November 2020)

Legal Legos: An Overview of the Essential Building Blocks for Startups – Atlas Innovation Summit at the Gateway Film Center, Columbus, Ohio (September 2019)

Defending Ohio Sales Tax Audits: Strategies to Avoid the Indirect Mark-Up Percentage Audit, and to Attack the Mark-Up Audit on Appeal Committee (February 2017)

ABA’s Sound Advice Podcast: Introduction on Converting Arbitration Awards into Judgments and Competing Actions to Vacate Awards (Apr 6, 2020)

## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

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Selected to Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch for Commercial Litigation (2022); Corporate Governance and Compliance Law (2022)

Selected as an “Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Star” 2022- 2023

Leadership Columbus, 2021 Graduate of Leadership Columbus Signature Program

## AFFILIATIONS AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

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Member, Ohio State Bar Association

Member, Columbus Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association

Member of the Section of Litigation; Committee Member and Journal Editor, Business Torts and Unfair Competition Committee

Member, Human Resources Association of Central Ohio

Committee Member, Legislative Affairs Committee