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Alex Shumate is the managing partner of our office in Columbus and his duties include providing strategic and operational guidance in pursuing new business opportunities regionally, nationally and internationally.

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About

Alex counsels clients in business regulatory and legislative matters involving local, state and federal governments. Previously, he served as chief counsel and deputy chief of staff to the governor of the state of Ohio and as assistant attorney general to the state of Ohio.

Alex has been selected by his peers since 1999 for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, recognizing his legal abilities among esteemed lawyers nationwide. He was named *Best Lawyers 2017 Columbus Administrative/Regulatory Law Lawyer of the Year* and *2016 Columbus Government Relations Practice Lawyer of the Year*. He has also been consistently selected as an Ohio Super Lawyer.

He provides strategic business counsel to numerous large corporations headquartered in the Midwest and serves as a corporate board member for The J.M. Smucker Company and Cyrus One. Previously he served as director of Nationwide Financial Services, Inc.; Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company; The Limited, Inc.; Bank One Corporation; and Cincinnati Bell.

Listed sixth in the 2010 compilation of Columbus' 100 most powerful business and community leaders, published by *Smart Business Columbus*, in 2014, he was honored by *Smart Business Columbus* as a recipient of its inaugural Smart 50 Award, which recognized central Ohio's top 50 executives chosen for their ability to effectively build and lead innovative and smart organizations. His community activities include serving an unprecedented third term on The Ohio State

University Board of Trustees as well as on the boards of the Capitol South Redevelopment Corporation and Wexner Center for the Arts. Alex was the recipient of the 2011 United Way of Central Ohio's Key Club Community Leadership Award. He is a former chair of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce and The Ohio State University Board of Trustees.

Experience

- Providing business regulatory counsel to the largest healthcare system in the state of Ohio.
- Providing legislative counseling to several of the nation's leading financial services providers and insurance companies.
- Assisting an international management consulting firm which secured the state of Ohio's largest technology consulting contract.
- Counseling one of the nation's largest specialty retailers on strategic corporate issues including providing advice to the corporation's Special Committee on Inclusion.
- Advising the Ohio Chamber of Commerce on legislative proposals regarding tax, general business and environmental issues.
- Providing strategic business counsel and regulatory advice to one of the nation's leading direct selling companies.
- Representing the Ohio Business Coalition in the Ohio General Assembly during the debate and passage of the Workers' Compensation Reform Act.
- Advising the Council of Smaller Enterprises in the legislative and administrative law process leading to the passage of Ohio's healthcare reform legislation.
- Providing counsel to various Ohio Ballot Issue Committees.
- Lobbying the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate on behalf of legislation affecting consumer reporting agencies.
- Representing developers and real estate clients before local and county zoning and tax abatement agencies.

Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers* 2017 Columbus Administrative/Regulatory Law Lawyer of the Year
 - *Best Lawyers* 2016 Columbus Government Relations Practice Lawyer of the
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Year

- Inducted into the Erie County Chamber of Commerce Gallery of Achievers for his accomplishments in law, business and service to the state of Ohio
- Inducted into the Junior Achievement Central Ohio Business Hall of Fame for his exemplary leadership contributions to the legal, business and civic communities

Credentials

Education

- The University of Akron, J.D., member, *Akron Law Review*, 1975
- Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A., with honors, 1972

Admissions

- Ohio, 1975

Courts

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Dist. of Ohio
- U.S. Dist. Ct., S. Dist. of Ohio

Memberships and Affiliations

- Fellow of the Ohio State Bar Association
- Former member of the Columbus Bar Association's Board of Governors
- A life member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference.

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commercially-focused understanding of our clients' business goals, while our robust and open culture enables us to find the right answers quickly and effectively from lawyers who understand the geographic, sector or issue specific challenges they face.
