

CURRICULUM VITAE – WILLIAM D. FERGUS, JR.

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PROFESSIONAL LICENSES:

STATE OF OHIO: Admitted May 1995

FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO: Admitted July 1995

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

OHIO STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

COLUMBUS BAR ASSOCIATION

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

COLUMBUS BAR ASSOCIATION:

- Real Property Committee Chairperson, July 2011 to July 2013.
- Real Property Law Institute Co-chairperson, 2010 and 2011.
- CBA liaison to Columbus Board of Realtors' Standard Forms Committee, May 2010 to July 2022
- Numerous speaking engagements as an instructor for continuing legal education beginning February 2010

OHIO STATE BAR ASSOCIATION:

- Member, Real Property Section Council, 2013 to present. Current position is Vice-Chairperson.
- Numerous speaking engagements as an instructor for continuing legal education beginning 2012.

CITY OF COLUMBUS:

- Chairperson, East Franklinton Review Board, 2013 to present

CERTIFICATIONS AND AWARDS:

- Ohio State Bar Association Certified Specialist, Residential Real Property Law, 2012 to present
- Columbus Board of Realtors® 2012 Instructor of the Year

PUBLICATIONS:

- *A Court Without a Controversy*, 23 Capital University Law Review 1075 (1995)
- *Attorneys in Real Estate*, In Contract magazine, 2008
- *Cold Feet*, In Contract magazine, 2009
- *Damage or Destruction of Premises*, In Contract magazine, 2011
- *The use of E-signatures in Residential Real Estate Transactions*, In Contract magazine, 2011
- *Fixtures and Flat Screen TVs*, In Contract magazine, 2012
- *Navigating the Hazards of Multiple Offer Situations*, In Contract magazine, 2013
- *Dual Agency: A Cautionary Tale*, In Contract magazine, 2014
- *Cyber Fraud: A Growing Threat to Realtors and Their Clients*, In Contract magazine, 2017
- *So, you want to purchase a condominium unit?*, In Contract magazine, 2020

EDUCATION:

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Columbus, Ohio

Night Division, August, 1991 to December, 1994

J.D., Magna Cum Laude; Order of the Curia.

CLASS RANK: 9th in a class of 211.

Member, Capital University Law Review

AmJur & C.J.S. awards, Property I & II

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbus, Ohio
June 1977 to June 1981
M.A., Political Science

OHIO UNIVERSITY, Athens, Ohio
September 1972 to June 1976
History and Political Science. B.S.Ed., Cum laude

EXPERIENCE:

General Counsel, March 2019 to present.

NORTHWEST TITLE FAMILY OF COMPANIES, INC., 1160 Dublin Road, Suite 500, Columbus, Ohio 43215
Lead attorney for a large regional title agency with sixteen attorneys and approximately 165 employees. I directly supervise our title review and legal document production team. I directly handle a variety of corporate legal matters, including claims on title insurance and office leasing.

Private Practice, May 2016 to present.

HOLFINGER STEVENSON LAW FIRM, 1160 Dublin Road, Suite 500, Columbus, Ohio 43215
Partner in sixteen attorney law firm affiliated with Northwest Title Agency, a major independent title agent. I am a senior attorney in the firm, which focuses on real estate, probate and small business representation.

Private Practice, January 2007 to April 2016.

PETERSON, CONNERS, FERGUS & PEER LLP, 2 Miranova Place, Suite 330, Columbus, Ohio 43215
Partner in six attorney full-service business law firm. My principal areas of concentration within the firm were in real estate, auction law, probate and small business representation.

Private Practice, May 2002 to December 2006.

103 North Union Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015
Engaged in the general practice of law, in association with G. Scott Miller, Esq. and Lawyer's Title Agency of Delaware, Inc., concentrating in real estate, probate, estate planning and small business representation.

Legal Review Counsel, August 2001 to April 2002.

NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 3000 Corporate Exchange Drive, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43231
Local counsel for Nextel's antenna site development operations in Ohio and Indiana. Specific responsibilities included drafting, negotiating and reviewing leases for antenna sites, and oversight of legal aspects of antenna site property management.

Corporate Counsel, April 1999 to October 2000.

TITLE FIRST AGENCY, INC., 555 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
Associate legal counsel and executive staff member of \$20 million, 300 employee company with operations in six states. Specific responsibilities included administering, drafting, negotiating and reviewing all leases and contracts, title insurance claims and litigation administration, creation and maintenance of joint venture entities, coordination of outside counsel, and legal counseling of entire staff and management. I also provided sales and marketing assistance to the Vice President of Corporate Sales.

General Counsel, November 1997 to April 1999.

COMMONWEALTH NETWORK CORPORATION, 185 South Fifth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Responsible for all legal affairs of a start-up radio network company and its subsidiary American Cyber Corporation, a reseller of long distance telephone services nationwide. Specific responsibilities included advising the CEO on all legal affairs, contract negotiation, drafting and review, litigation management and telecommunications regulatory compliance.

Associate, January 1995 to November 1997.

MATAN, GEER & WRIGHT, 261 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Engaged in the general practice of law, concentrating in business law and real estate law; served as computer network administrator; was primarily responsible for representing American Cyber Corporation, a major client of the firm, during all of 1997.