

# **Terrence O'Donnell**

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# Areas of Practice

- Administrative & Regulatory
- Government Relations
- Energy & Sustainability

# Education

Miami University, B.A., Government, 1997

University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D., 2001

Recipient of Dean's Award in Legislation

# Acknowledgements

- Listed in Who's Who in Energy, 2014-2015
- Listed *Ohio Super Lawyers* Rising Stars Edition (2005, 2013)
- Business First Forty Under 40 Award, Class of 2012

# **Prominent Assignments**

Terrence O'Donnell's focus is public policy advocacy at the statehouse and regulatory compliance. Terrence represents companies, trade groups and nonprofits before the General Assembly and state executive agencies. He brings twelve years of experience to his state government relations and administrative law practice.

He represents all manner of interests, including the advanced energy industry, a major national brewer, health care clients, financial institutions, and education and workforce development interests. He also has significant election law experience.

He represents the Wind and Solar industries and served as lead advocate for Ohio's landmark Renewable Portfolio Standard, requiring the state's investor-owned utility companies to utilize renewable and advanced energy such as wind, solar, biomass and energy efficiency. He then served as industry lead as the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio drafted implementing regulations.

He represented the lending industry on a major re-write of Ohio's mortgage lending law, and subsequently co-authored the seminal Ohio compliance manual for mortgage lenders and servicers.

He is knowledgeable on state education policy including K-12 school funding issues and workforce development. Terrence led a major legislative effort to reform credit articulation process for students transferring from technical schools to two- and fouryear colleges.

Terrence represents candidates, political parties, and issue committees on matters of state election law, contests and recounts, ethics, and ballot issue campaigns.

# Professional Involvement

- Member, Columbus Bar Association
- Chair Emeritus, Columbus Bar Association Committee on Character & Fitness
- Member, Ohio Lobbying Association

# **Community Involvement**

- Board Member, Keep Ohio Beautiful
- Commissioner, German Village Commission for Historic Preservation
- Member, St. Thomas More Society, Notre Dame Law School
- Member, St. Ignatius Alumni Association (Cleveland)

#### Publications/Presentations

- AWEA WINDPOWER 2009 (Chicago) and 2010 (Dallas)
- University Clean Energy Alliance State Conference, 2009 and 2010
- Ohio Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard (SB 221 summary)
- Ohio Advanced Energy Tax Code Reforms (SB 232 summary)
- Ohio PACE Program (HB 1 and SB 232 summaries)
- Ohio Homebuyer Protection Act Compliance Toolkit

