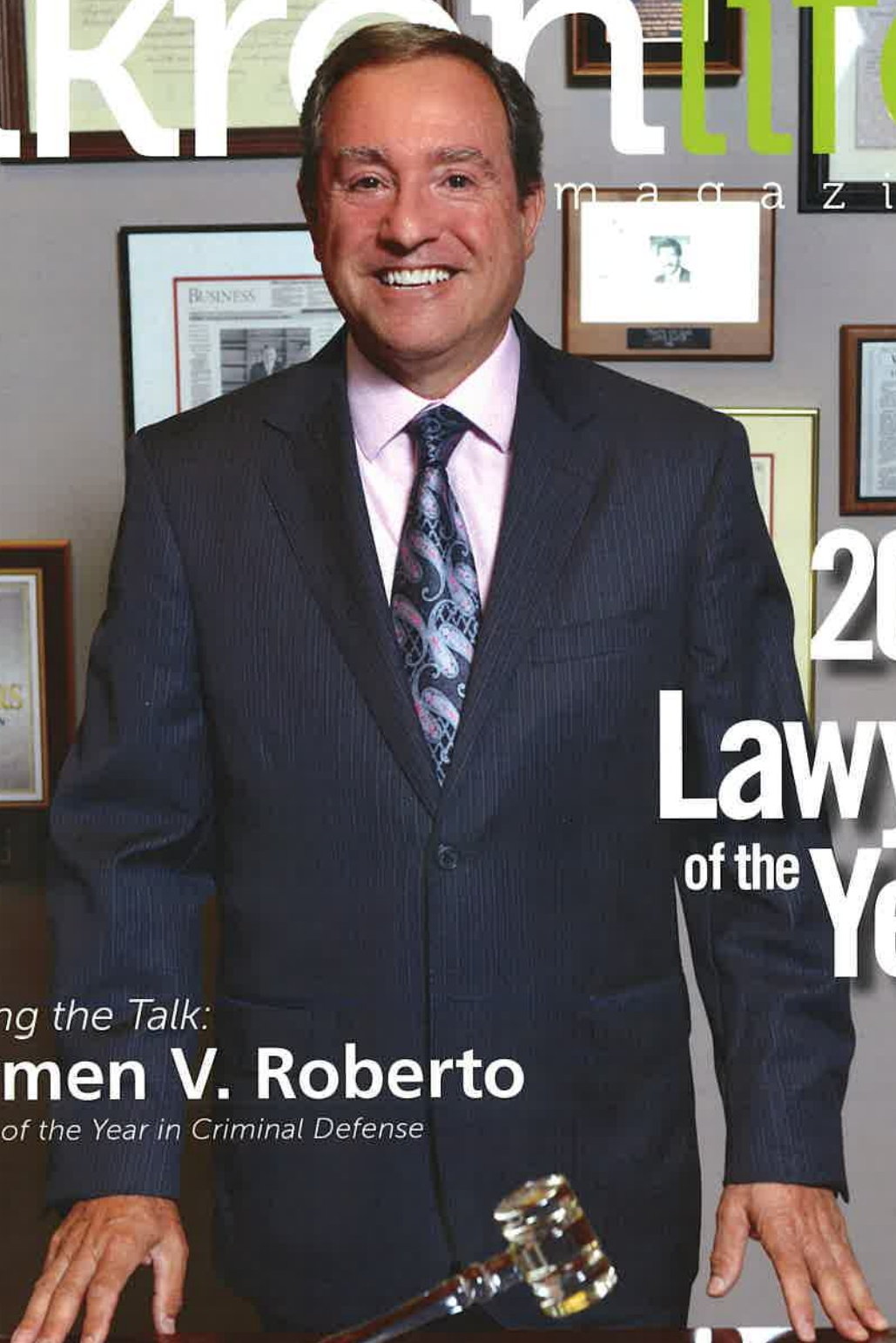


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# Carmen Roberto

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## Walking the Talk

■ If you've met attorney Carmen Roberto, you're not surprised that he was named to the 2014 Best Lawyers in America list. He lives by this two part mantra: Always be nice, and work hard and seek excellence no matter what you do.

"As I've aged, I attribute most of my success to that," he says.

After graduating in 1970 from The University of Connecticut and in 1973 from The University of Akron School of Law, Roberto entered the United States Army and worked as a finance officer during the Vietnam War. When he returned to Ohio, he served the city of Cuyahoga Falls as assistant prosecutor, assistant law director and law director.

In 1982, he joined a law firm which eventually became Vasko, Roberto and Evans and later joined the office of Bernlohr Wertz, now known as Niekamp, Weisensell, Mutersbaugh and Mastantonio, LLP.

Roberto has handled zoning and administrative cases before federal, state and local agencies, such as the Ohio EPA, Ohio Engineer's Board, Atomic Energy Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and various zoning boards and planning commissions. He's licensed pro hac vice, on a case-by-case basis, to handle cases in several other U.S. states.

"I am old school and have always believed that being a great lawyer involves extensive community and Bar Association involvement as well as courtroom competence," he says.

Roberto spends two-thirds of his time in his law practice representing both individuals and businesses in the investigative stage at the federal level and individuals charged with drunk driving.

In addition to practicing law, Roberto taught a trial tactics course at The University of Akron and has presented seminars on trial practice and criminal matters. His articles have been published in national journals, and he wrote, "A Trial Handbook for Municipal Prosecutors" and a chapter in the book, "Trial Briefs."

He also owns and operates Roberto ADR Services LLC and has been involved in mediating settlements in multi-million dollar cases. He's been hired by national insurance companies and virtually every major firm in Akron.

"I'm terribly humbled, flattered, proud, unbelieving and grateful for this selection [in Best Lawyers 2014,]" he says. "We have several top-notch defense lawyers in Akron, and the community is extremely lucky therefore. Many are more deserving of this honor than I."



## Honors and Memberships

- Licensed to practice in Ohio, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and U.S. Supreme Court
- President of the Ohio State Bar Association (2010 and 2011), **Ohio Metropolitan Bar Consortium** and **Akron Bar Association** (1995 and 1996)
- **Member**, American Bar Association's House of **Delegates**, ACA and OSBA Council of **Delegates**
- Board member, Ohio Bar Liability Insurance Company, Ohio Public Defender's Commission, Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation, Ohio Lawyer's Assistance Program, The University of Akron Law School Advisory Council, Summit County Charter Review Commission and Ohio State Bar Foundation's Marketing Task Force
- 2002 Outstanding Alumni, University of Akron Law School