

# SUSAN C. RODGERS

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Employment & Labor



I am an employment and labor attorney. I serve as a resource for business owners, management teams and human resources directors as I guide them through the day-to-day issues that arise with employment and labor law matters.

I defend my clients before the National Labor Relations Board, Ohio Civil Rights Commission, and state federal and courts. I aim to be on the front end for my clients so I can help prevent employment and labor lawsuits. However, when the risk of litigation is present, I instill in my clients the confidence to make difficult choices that will protect them, their staff, and their business.

The greatest gift I give to clients is my ability to see beyond the law and into the realities of their workplace. I know every decision they make can impact one, or all, employees. That's why I take the time to understand my clients' business goals and ensure my work aligns with their needs. I am here to help my clients sit well with the decisions they make so they can run a positive, effective and productive work environment.

## EXPERIENCE

- Serves as chair of the Employment & Labor Practice Group, General Counsel and is a member of the firm's Executive Committee
- Served as general counsel for the firm and was previously a member of the firm's board of managers
- Actively involved in advising and educating clients regarding compliance with and handling a variety of employment and labor issues, including Title VII, age discrimination, and disability
- Has represented employers before state and federal courts as well as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Ohio Civil Rights Commission, and the National Labor Relations Board
- Extensive experience in the development, implementation, and review of corporate personnel policies and procedures
- Has experience performing investigations regarding sexual harassment and sexual misconduct for corporations and higher education institutions (Title IX-related investigations)
- Makes presentations regarding employment and discrimination issues
- Prior to joining the Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC, was director at Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co., L.P.A.
- Served as a member of the University of Cincinnati Law Review

## EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

The University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, Ohio (J.D., 1991)

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (B.A., 1988)

University of Oxford – New Oxford College, Oxford, England

### Admissions

Ohio Bar

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

## AWARDS & HONORS

Named Best Lawyers in America® 'Lawyer of the Year' (2019-2020, 2023)

Listed in Best Lawyers in America® (2011-2023)

Recognized by Best Lawyers® "Women in Law" Business Edition for Employment & Labor Law (2016)

Selected for inclusion in Ohio's Super Lawyers® (2011-2012, 2015-2023), as voted by her peers

## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Vice President, Board of Trustees: Stark County District Library

Trustee: GentleBrook, Inc. fka Hartville Homes, Inc.

Member: 9th Class, Leadership Stark County

### Associations

Member: Ohio State Bar Association

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