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With more than more than 35 years of experience, which includes serving as a special prosecutor and as an assistant U.S. attorney, David's practice is focused on civil and criminal tax disputes, financial and white collar crimes, public corruption and regulatory enforcement, and business litigation matters. He regularly advises clients throughout the country on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, corporate compliance programs, internal investigations, the False Claims Act, and health care fraud.

As a trial lawyer representing companies and individuals in tax controversies, white collar criminal and civil litigation, and regulatory enforcement matters, David brings a legal background that includes:

- Serving as Director in Deloitte Forensic and Dispute Services, where he was a leader of multi-disciplinary investigative teams in two European countries for one of the largest Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigations in history
- Serving as a special prosecutor for the State of Ohio, where he led the largest "blue sky" securities case in state history
- Serving as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and as a trial attorney for the tax division of the U. S. Department of Justice, he investigated and prosecuted white collar, narcotics, and a wide range of other criminal cases

SERVICE LINE

Litigation & Disputes
White Collar Defense & Investigations

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Financial Institutions & Insurance

PRIMARY LOCATION

Columbus, OH

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Ohio

New Jersey

New York

United States Tax Court

United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

United States District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts, New York

United States District Court, Southern District, Ohio

United States District Court, District, New Jersey

United States Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Columbus Bar Association
- Columbus Bar Association, Chair, Audit Committee (member, 2008 – present)
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Liaison between American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section and White Collar Crime Project of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- COSI, Community Board, 2014 – 2016
- Jewish Family Services, former Counsel to the Board
- Temple Israel, Board of Trustees, 2009 – 2015
- Life Member, Judicial Conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit
- Jewish Family Services, Board of Trustees, 2009 – 2013
- Columbus Jewish Day School, Board of Trustees, 2003 – 2010
- Member, United States Sentencing Commission Practitioners Advisory Group, 1992 – 2006
- Adjunct Professor, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Winter 2005 – 2006
- Chair, Committee on Civil and Criminal Tax Penalties, American Bar Association Tax Section, 1999 – 2001 (presently co-chair, Subcommittee on Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture)
- Charity Newsies, 2004 – present
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America, 2018 – present

HONORS

- AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers in America, 2015-2026
- Ohio Super Lawyer by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2004-2006, 2010-2026; Top 100 Ohio and Top 50 Columbus, 2015, 2017
- Who's Who in American Law (9th Edition)

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