



Firm Overview

At Taft, we work as one team, driven and committed to helping you succeed. Our attorneys listen and understand that innovative, value-creating solutions help our clients reach their goals. Our collaborative approach, advanced technological resources and depth of services can transform what you expect from your legal team.

The firm practices across a wide range of industries, in virtually every area of law, including: Business and Finance, Business Restructuring, Environmental, Health and Life Sciences, Intellectual Property, Labor and Employment, Litigation, Private Client, Real Estate and Tax law.

Since 1885, Taft has maintained a constant focus: to provide clients, both large and small, with legal advice and services that meet the highest possible standards. To learn more, visit www.taftlaw.com.

Taft Offices

Taft has nine offices in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Arizona:



Performance Recognized

The legal performance of our attorneys is recognized nationally by our peers and industry colleagues.

The world-famous guide to the legal profession and international publisher of legal directories, **Chambers USA**, recognized **44 Taft attorneys** and the following **11 practice group areas**:

- Real Estate
- Corporate / M&A
- Litigation
- Labor and Employment
- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation
- Banking and Finance
- Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- Intellectual Property
- Natural Resources & Environment
- Health Care
- Construction



Taft is ranked among the **U.S. News Media Group Best Law Firms**. The rankings are presented in tiers both nationally and by metropolitan areas. Taft received 10 national Tier 1 rankings, and Tier 1 rankings by metropolitan area in 84 practice areas.

Best Lawyers®, the country's original and most well-respected lawyer-rating directory, recognized **162 Taft attorneys** as Best Lawyers and **12 Taft attorneys** as Lawyers of the Year.

Best Lawyers®

Super Lawyers®

96 Taft attorneys were named Super Lawyers, and **26 Taft attorneys** were named Rising Stars in the most recent edition of *Super Lawyers Magazine*. In addition, **40 Taft attorneys** have been listed for 10 consecutive years.

Taft is rated as a **Highly Recommended Firm** by *Benchmark Litigation* in Ohio and Indiana. Thirteen Taft attorneys are recognized as Local Litigation Stars and one Taft attorney is named to the Top 250 Women in Litigation list.



Taft is rated as a **Highly Recommended Firm** by *Benchmark Plaintiff* in Ohio and Indiana. Nine litigation attorneys are named "Top Local Plaintiff Litigation Stars."



Taft has been ranked as a "**Go-To**" **Law Firm** by Corporate Counsel in four practice areas.

34 Taft attorneys are listed in the Illinois Leading Lawyers Network.

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Taft History

In the Beginning

Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP traces its roots back to 1885, when Worthington & Strong was founded by Judge William Worthington and Edward W. Strong. John L. Stettinius and John B. Hollister joined the firm after its founding, at which point the firm became known as Worthington, Strong, Stettinius & Hollister. In January 1923, Judge Worthington passed away. In the following year, a young firm headed by Robert A. Taft (who later became a U.S. Senator) and Charles P. Taft II, sons of former President William Howard Taft, joined the older firm to become Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP.

The firm came to have not only local prominence, but also national stature. For example, the firm's labor department, led by J. Mack Swigert, was instrumental in helping Senator Taft draft and pass the groundbreaking Taft-Hartley Act in 1947.

Strategic Growth

Through a series of successful mergers and the establishment of new offices, Taft has become a premier regional law firm.

- June 1983: Taft Cincinnati partner David Johnson moved to Columbus to launch our Columbus office. As Taft continued to establish itself as a preeminent Ohio firm, it seemed appropriate that the firm should have an office in the state's capital.
- April 1986: The firm opened an office across the river in Northern Kentucky. Three Taft attorneys, including the current partner-in-charge of our Kentucky office, Robert Craig, relocated from the Cincinnati office to Covington to support our growing clientele throughout Kentucky.
- January 2001: Cleveland-based Kelley, McCann & Livingstone joined the four attorneys in Taft's Cleveland office. Known for its public law and litigation capabilities, the Kelley McCann lawyers welcomed the opportunity to join the Taft family and expand their services to clients throughout NE Ohio.
- July 2003: Hugh Wall III joined the firm and opened Taft's Dayton office, which gave Taft a physical presence in a city where it already had many clients. By 2009, the office had more than 30 attorneys, and it has continued to expand client services since then.
- May 2008: Taft merged with Sommer Barnard, a prominent, full-service Indianapolis firm with more than 100 attorneys. The merger gave Taft and Sommer Barnard a regional presence, as well as greater depth in meeting a variety of business and individual legal needs.
- September 2008: Taft's commitment to the Cleveland region was enhanced with the merger of Kahn Kleinman, a highly respected commercial real estate, corporate and tax firm. The merger was named by *Crain's Cleveland Business* as one of the "10 Deals That Mattered Most in 2008."
- January 2012: Taft's merger with Chester Willcox & Saxbe strengthened its presence in Ohio's capital city. In addition to litigation, business, labor & employment and private client practices, CWS attorneys provided a sophisticated energy practice.
- January 2014: Taft merged with Shesky & Froelich, a Chicago law firm with 70 attorneys. The merger extended Taft's footprint to the financial hub of the Midwestern region and enhanced Taft's offerings to clients in other markets.



Taft Practice Areas

Bankruptcy

Business & Finance

- Alcohol Permitting & Regulatory
- Business Restructuring & Creditor Rights
- Business Succession Planning
- Commercial Transactions & Contracts
- Corporate Governance
- Crisis Management
- Franchise & Distribution
- Gaming
- Government Contracts Law
- Health & Life Sciences
- Insurance Law
- Israeli Business Services
- Lending & Corporate Finance
- Media & Privacy Law
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Pharmaceutical & Life Sciences Litigation
- Privacy & Data Security
- Private Equity
- Public Company
- Public Finance
- Public Offerings
- Securities - Corporate
- Sports
- Start-Up & Growth Companies
- Structured Finance
- Technology
- Venture Capital and Emerging Companies
- Whistleblower/Retaliation Defense
- Women & Minority Owned Businesses

Business Restructuring & Creditor Rights

Campaign & Election Law

Construction

- Construction Claims

Educational Institutions

- School Public Finance

Energy & Regulated Industries

Environmental

- Class Action & Multi-Party Litigation
- Crisis Management
- Environmental Transactional Services
- Insurance Law

Ethics & Professional Responsibility

Gaming

General Counsel Access Program

Health & Life Sciences

- Crisis Management
- Medical Cannabis Licensing
- Pharmaceutical & Life Sciences Litigation
- Privacy & Data Security

Immigration & Citizenship

Insurance Law

Intellectual Property

- Crisis Management
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Prosecution
- Pharmaceutical & Life Sciences Litigation
- Privacy & Data Security
- Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secret

International

- China
- FCPA & International Anti-Corruption
- Japan

Labor & Employment

- Crisis Management
- ERISA Litigation
- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation
- Immigration & Citizenship
- Whistleblower/Retaliation Defense
- Workers' Compensation
- Workplace Safety & Health

Litigation

- Antitrust
- Appellate
- Business Restructuring & Creditor Rights
- Class Action & Multi-Party Litigation
- Construction Claims
- Corporate Compliance & White Collar Criminal Defense
- Crisis Management
- E-Discovery
- ERISA Litigation
- Education - Litigation
- Environmental
- Estates, Trusts & Fiduciary Litigation
- FCPA & International Anti-Corruption
- First Amendment & Media Law
- Government Contracts Law
- Insurance Law
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Pharmaceutical & Life Sciences Litigation
- Privacy & Data Security
- Product Liability
- Product Liability & Personal Injury
- Securities - Litigation
- Sports
- Whistleblower/Retaliation Defense

Private Client

- Business Succession Planning
- Divorce, Family Law
- Estate Planning
- Estates, Trusts & Fiduciary Litigation
- Family Office Services
- Personal Tax Planning
- Probate & Trust Administration

Public Law

- Education - Litigation
- Government Contracts Law
- Government Relations
- Local Government
- Public Finance

Real Estate

- Condominium
- Construction
- Eminent Domain
- Environmental
- Land Use
- Real Estate Investment Trusts
- State & Local Tax

Restaurant & Food Service

Sustainability

Taxation

- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation
- Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP)
- International Taxation
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Nonprofit & Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Personal Tax Planning
- State & Local Tax
- Tax Controversy & Litigation

Workers' Compensation