

## PRACTICE FOCUS

Cookson maintains a diverse practice as trusted counsel in business, banking and real estate matters and issues involving bankruptcy, state/local taxation, non-profits and more.

Ken regularly offers guidance to clients regarding some of the most important decisions facing their businesses, including formation and structuring strategies and state and local tax disputes. He also advises buyers and sellers in business and real estate transactions, as well as lenders and borrowers in lending transactions. Additionally, Ken assists creditors in collection and recovery matters and advises financially-troubled businesses in restructuring.



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State & Local Taxation

“Being an effective lawyer includes listening as well as taking action; it means providing a remedy to a specific issue in the context of the whole.”



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### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America®.

Has represented financial institutions in multiple transactions, workouts and collections.

Has represented numerous business clients in bankruptcy matters, including large Chapter 11 cases.

Has represented clients in business organization, acquisition, sale and financial transactions.

Has represented clients in multiple state taxation appeals.

Active involvement in community service activities from public broadcasting to urban land use.

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Columbus Bar Association, Board of Governors, member (2007-2011)

Ohio State Bar Association, Council of Delegates, member (2010-present)

Ohio Supreme Court Commission on the Certification of Attorneys as Specialists, (2012-present)

City of Columbus Downtown Commission, member (1996-2009)

Columbus Historical Society, trustee (2009-2012)

Athletic Club of Columbus, House Committee (2012-present), Finance Committee (2006-2012)

Board of Friends of WOSU, president (2003-2009), member (1995-2001)

Discovery District Development Corporation, president (1994-1998), founding trustee

Kelton House Advisory Committee, member (2004-2010)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio

Supreme Court of the State of Ohio

Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

U.S. Tax Court

U.S. District Court and Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court and Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court and Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan

### EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate (1977)  
*University of Toledo College of Law*  
Law Review, member

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (1974)  
*Kalamazoo College*