

## PRACTICE FOCUS

Duffee focuses his practice primarily in the areas of business, intellectual property, estate planning and employee benefits; he joined Kegler Brown in 2006.

### Business

Eric advises both new and established businesses in matters related to entity formation and structure, contract drafting and negotiation, and the fiduciary duties of an organization's directors and officers. He also counsels clients in issues regarding succession planning and buy-sell agreements.

### Mergers & Acquisitions

Eric advises buyers and sellers in acquisition transactions, including mergers, asset purchases, stock purchases, and reorganizations (both domestic and international). He also has experience in deal structuring and negotiation and regularly counsels clients on all legal aspects of business combinations.

### Intellectual Property

Eric focuses his intellectual property practice on issues involving trademarks, copyrights, software agreements, and license drafting and negotiation.

### Estate Planning

Eric counsels clients on estate planning and wealth transfer strategies, helping them identify, protect and preserve their assets. Eric has particular experience in designing and implementing family limited partnerships/family limited liability companies.

### Employee Benefits

Eric also works in the firm's Employee Benefits & ERISA practice, in which he advises clients in issues involving executive compensation, deferred compensation, stock options and other equity awards.



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“Comprehensive knowledge of the law is only part of effective representation. We seek to understand your goals and motivations so we can tailor a strategy to fit your specific needs.”



## Eric D. **DUFFEE** ASSOCIATE

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Martindale-Hubbell Rating of AV, which indicates very high to preeminent legal ability and very high ethical standards as established by confidential opinions from members of the bar.

Selected as an “Ohio Rising Star” by *Law & Politics Magazine*, a publication that recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys in the state, based on voting by individuals previously identified by the magazine as “Ohio Super Lawyers®.” Ohio Super Lawyers are said to represent the top 5 percent of the legal profession.

Sports reporter and photographer for two commercial television stations in Des Moines, Iowa from 2000-2002.

Production assistant for ABC News coverage of the 2000 Iowa Caucuses.

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association, member

Columbus Bar Association, member

Ohio State Bar Association, member

City of Bexley Charter Review Commission, member (November 2009 through March 2011)

Leadership Columbus, Class of 2012

### PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

“Tax Savings Strategies During Acquisitions” and “Structuring and Drafting the Acquisition Agreement,” presented at the National Business Institute’s *Helping Your Client Buy or Sell a Small-to-Medium Sized Business* on October 18, 2011.

“Tax Implications of the Deal Structure” and “Ethics in M&A,” presented at the National Business Institute’s *Mergers and Acquisitions: Nuts and Bolts* on December 9, 2010.

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio

### EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate (2006)

*The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law*  
Summa cum laude; Order of the Coif; Ohio State Law Journal; salutatorian

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism & Mass Communication (2003)  
*Drake University*

Summa cum laude; NCAA/Freedom Forum Sports Journalism Scholarship; named one of the nation’s top ten college journalists by the Scripps Howard Foundation in 2002