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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. He is also an experienced mediator for complex commercial disputes.

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.

## Professional Affiliations

- + Columbus Bar Association, Board of Governors, member (2007-2011)
- + Ohio State Bar Association, Council of Delegates, member (2010-2014)
- + Ohio Supreme Court Commission on the Certification of Attorneys as Specialists (2012-2014)

## Special Honors

- + Selected as the 2019 "Lawyer of the Year" in Columbus in the area of Banking + Finance Litigation by *The Best Lawyers in America*®
- + Selected as the 2015 "Lawyer of the Year" in Columbus in the area of Banking + Finance Litigation by *The Best Lawyers in America*®
- + Martindale-Hubbell Rating of AV

## Charitable + Civic Involvement

- + The Athletic Club of Columbus, board member
- + Discovery District Development Corporation, president (1994-1998), founding trustee
- + Board of Friends of WOSU, president (2003-2009), member (1995-2001)
- + City of Columbus Downtown Commission, member (1996-2009)
- + Columbus Historical Society, trustee (2009-2012)

## Bar Admissions

- + Ohio
- + Supreme Court of Ohio
- + U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- + U.S. Tax Court
- + U.S. District Court and Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio, Southern District of Ohio and Eastern District of Michigan

## Education

- + University of Toledo College of Law (J.D., 1977)
- + Kalamazoo College (B.A., 1974)

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