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Practice Areas

Estate Planning

Wills

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Probate and Non-Probate

Real Estate

Wealth Transfer

Oil & Gas Pipelines and Leases

Education: After graduating from Lancaster High School in 1985, Craig received a Bachelor of Science in Business from Miami University, *Cum Laude*, in 1989. He then received his Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University, *With Honors*, in 1992. In 2003 the Ohio State Bar Association Board Certified Mr. Vandervoort as a Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust, & Probate Law. Craig's certification was renewed in 2008 and 2013. Currently only 162 other Ohio attorneys are recognized by the OSBA with this specialty. In 2009, Craig received his accreditation for the presentation of claims for veterans benefits before the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Experience: Since joining the firm in 1992, Craig has counseled families and individuals in estate planning matters. In addition to his extensive probate practice, Craig assists individuals in establishing, funding and administering trusts and utilizing other non-probate transfer methods. Craig assists seniors in understanding the rules for Medicaid qualification and veteran's benefits, and how it affects their current assets. Craig represents land owners, both farmers and developers, in preserving their property for the next generations, as well as with new acquisitions, development and subdivisions of property.

Oil & Gas: Craig has been involved with oil & gas leasing and pipeline right of ways throughout his career. In 1994 Craig was asked by the Ohio Farm Bureau to be a commenter on its project to develop the Farm Bureau Oil and Gas lease. Craig has successfully counseled landowner groups exceeding 800 acres in negotiating common leases for exploration and production. Craig has assisted landowners in negotiating and improving terms and compensations for the installation of gas pipelines in all three of the most recent major pipelines installed in Ohio, beginning with the 1999 Marathon Ashland's Ohio 130-mile pipeline from Kenova, West Virginia to Columbus, Ohio; the 2007 Rockies Express 1,679-mile Pipeline from the Rocky Mountains to Clarington in Monroe County, Ohio; and the 2011 ATEX Express 1,230-mile from the Marcellus-Utica Shale region of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia to the Texas Gulf Coast. During the easement acquisition phase of the ATEX Express Pipeline, Craig and his co-counsel

represented landowners in negotiating over 12 total miles of pipeline. Craig was a co-presenter at the Second Annual Ohio Oil and Gas Law Symposium May 25, 2012 Longaberger Golf Club, Nashport Ohio on the topic of Negotiating Pipeline Easements and Managing the Threat of Eminent Domain.

Memberships: Craig is currently serving as the Past Chairman of the Fairfield County Law Library Resources Board and serves on the probate committee, real estate committee and web site committee and was the 2003-2004 President of the Fairfield County Bar Association. Craig was awarded the District 9 Ohio State Bar Foundation Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and under. Craig served from 1993 to 2000 on the board, and was the 1997-1998 Chairman, of the American Red Cross of Fairfield County. Craig is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Inc., NAELA and is a member of the Ohio chapter of NAELA. Craig is currently serving as a Founding Director and is the Chairman of the Lancaster Public Education Foundation Inc., and serves as the legal advisor to the Pickerington Education Foundation. Craig is a member of the Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section of the Ohio State Bar Association, and a member of the Ohio State Bar Association Disability Law Committee and the Elder Law Committee. Craig served as the Chairman of the Fairfield County Access Management Advisory Committee.