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About Alex

Alex Shumate is a senior Columbus office partner and his duties include providing strategic and operational guidance in pursuing new business opportunities regionally, nationally and internationally.

Alex counsels clients in business regulatory and legislative matters involving local, state and federal governments. Previously, he served as chief counsel and deputy chief of staff to the governor of the state of Ohio and as assistant attorney general to the state of Ohio.

Alex has a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rating, meaning that he is ranked at the highest level of professional excellence for his legal expertise, communication skills and ethical standards. His peers have selected Alex since 1999 for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, recognizing his legal abilities among esteemed lawyers nationwide. He was named *Best Lawyers* Columbus Government Relations Practice Lawyer of the Year and Columbus Administrative/Regulatory Law Lawyer of the Year several times.

He has also been consistently selected as an Ohio Super Lawyer. In recognition of his leadership in the law, business and community, he was selected by Who's Who Publishing as its 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. In 2019 he was honored by *Columbus Business First* as one of the region's Most-Admired Executives. In recognition of his contributions and in celebration of Black History Month, Alex was formally honored by the Columbus City Council as a 2026 recipient of the esteemed James Preston Poindexter Award.

He provides strategic business counsel to numerous large corporations headquartered in the Midwest. Previously he served as a corporate board member for The J.M. Smucker Company; CyrusOne Inc.; Nationwide Financial Services, Inc.; Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company; The Limited, Inc.; Bank One Corporation; and Cincinnati Bell.

Listed sixth in the 2010 compilation of Columbus' 100 most powerful business and community leaders, published by *Smart Business Columbus*, in 2014, he was honored by *Smart Business Columbus* as a recipient of its inaugural Smart 50 Award, which recognized central Ohio's top 50 executives chosen for their ability to effectively build and lead innovative and smart organizations. H

is community activities include serving an unprecedented third term on The Ohio State University Board of Trustees as well as on the boards of the Capitol South Redevelopment Corporation and Wexner Center for the Arts. Alex was the recipient of the 2011 United Way of Central Ohio's Key Club Community Leadership Award. He is a former chair of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce and twice served as chair of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees.

Experience

- Providing business regulatory counsel to the largest healthcare system in the state of Ohio.
- Providing legislative counseling to several of the nation's leading financial services providers and insurance companies.
- Assisting an international management consulting firm which secured the state of Ohio's largest technology consulting contract.
- Counseling one of the nation's largest specialty retailers on strategic corporate issues including providing advice to the corporation's Special Committee on Inclusion.
- Advising the Ohio Chamber of Commerce on legislative proposals regarding tax, general business and environmental issues.
- Providing strategic business counsel and regulatory advice to one of the nation's leading direct selling companies.
- Representing the Ohio Business Coalition in the Ohio General Assembly during the debate and passage of the Workers' Compensation Reform Act.
- Advising the Council of Smaller Enterprises in the legislative and administrative law process leading to the passage of Ohio's healthcare reform legislation.
- Providing counsel to various Ohio Ballot Issue Committees.
- Lobbying the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate on behalf of legislation affecting consumer reporting agencies.
- Representing developers and real estate clients before local and county zoning and tax abatement agencies.

Credentials

Education

- The University of Akron, J.D., member, *Akron Law Review*, 1975
- Ohio Wesleyan University, B.A., with honors, 1972

Admissions

- Ohio, 1975

Courts

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Dist. of Ohio
- U.S. Dist. Ct., S. Dist. of Ohio

Memberships & Affiliations

- Fellow of the Ohio State Bar Association
- Former member of the Columbus Bar Association's Board of Governors
- A life member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference

Recognitions

- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* 2025 for Government Relations Practice, Corporate Law, Administrative/Regulatory Law and Government Contracts
- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* 2024 for Government Relations Practice, Corporate Law, Administrative/Regulatory Law and Government Contracts
- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2023 for Administrative/Regulatory Law, Corporate Law, Government Contracts and Government Relations Practice
- Named *The Best Lawyers in America* 2021 Lawyer of the Year for Administrative/Regulatory Law in Columbus
- Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award by *Who's Who in Black Columbus*
- *Best Lawyers* 2018 Columbus Government Relations Practice Lawyer of the Year
- *Best Lawyers* 2017 Columbus Administrative/Regulatory Law Lawyer of the Year
- Inducted into the Erie County Chamber of Commerce Gallery of Achievers for his accomplishments in law, business and service to the state of Ohio
- Inducted into the Junior Achievement Central Ohio Business Hall of Fame for his exemplary leadership contributions to the legal, business and civic communities

Expertise

Services

- Public Policy
- Public & Infrastructure Finance

About our firm

One of the world's strongest integrated law firms, providing insight at the point where law, business and government meet. We deliver commercially focused business solutions by combining our legal, lobbying and political capabilities and invaluable connections on the ground to a diverse mix of clients, from long-established leading corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations. More than 1,500 lawyers in over 40 offices across four continents provide unrivaled access to expertise.