



# J. DAVID CAMPBELL, JR.

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David Campbell serves as the Partner-in-Charge of KJK's Columbus office, where his leadership focuses on driving growth, developing talent, strengthening leadership capabilities and ensuring client success. Drawing on extensive experience as a trusted business partner and team leader, David advises and counsels C-suite executives and leadership teams on employment and human resources matters, complex litigation, risk management and strategic operational considerations. His approach is both tactical and client-centric, addressing everything from bet-the-farm concerns to day-to-day considerations. His ability to effectively lead a team of skilled professionals and counsel enhances the Columbus office and the broader firm's capacity to provide comprehensive legal counsel to clients throughout Columbus, Ohio, regionally, and across the country.

Before joining KJK, David served as an attorney at a large Columbus defense firm and later as Vice President, Head of Litigation for Big Lots. During his tenure, Big Lots was a Fortune 500 retailer with more than 30,000 associates and 1,400 stores nationwide. At Big Lots, he managed a complex docket of litigation and collaborated with some of the best attorneys in the country on high-stakes cases, employment considerations, and operational issues. David has extensive experience in litigation, claims and dispute resolution, covering areas such as commercial, securities, tax, wage-and-hour, employment class actions and pre-litigation disputes. He also has substantial experience in premises liability, product liability, workers' compensation, insurance litigation, risk management, and operational leadership. More importantly, David takes his greatest joy from the advice, advocacy, and counsel needs of his business partners, and thrives on a symbiotic relationship with partners at all levels of the organization.

Beyond his professional achievements, David is deeply committed to his community. Born at The Ohio State University and calling Columbus his life-long home, David is a proud board member of A Kid Again of Central Ohio, and he serves as a Commissioner on the Upper Arlington Civil Service Commission. He is a former board member of the Columbus Flying Club and officer of the Worthington Education Foundation. A trusted advisor and leader, David is dedicated to fostering collaboration within KJK's Columbus office and building strong relationships with clients and the broader community.

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### EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, J.D., 2010
- University of Oxford, Comparative Law
- The Ohio State University, B.A., Political Science, 2007

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Labor & Employment
- Litigation & Arbitration

### BAR/COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio
- S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Served as counsel for one the largest oil refineries in US [BP-Husky Refinery], in partnership with counsel for one of world's largest oil and gas companies, in dramatically reducing citations and penalties from over \$2.5mn to under \$50,000.
- Served on small group leadership steering committee for group of 18 national retailers in a lawsuit filed in the Southern District of New York alleging violations of the U.S. antitrust laws by Visa and Mastercard.
- Coordinated defense counsel nationally in response to more than two dozen catastrophic products liability claims stemming from same defective product.
- Secured buyer and negotiated sale of a participation interest in certain legal claims in exchange for net proceeds of approximately \$30million.
- Served on multiple trial and trial support teams achieving pro-defense verdicts in discrimination trials in Franklin County, OH.
- Argued a variety of issues on behalf of corporate and individual clients in Federal and Ohio Trial Courts, Appellate Court, before the Ohio Industrial Commission, before the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, and other administrative agencies.

### PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- A Kid Again of Central Ohio
  - Board Member, 2024 – Present
- Upper Arlington Civil Service Commission
  - Civil Service Commissioner, 2023 – Present