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Allyson O'Keefe gravitated toward real estate law shortly after joining Porter Wright Morris & Arthur in 2004. From day one, she focused her practice on real estate development, real estate finance and tax credit financing, according to Hugh McKay, partner-in-charge of Porter Wright's Cleveland office, first assisting more senior attorneys at the firm and later being promoted to handle her own clients. O'Keefe was elected to the firm's partnership in 2013, after just nine years practicing law. She has been integrally involved in many downtown Cleveland development projects in recent years, including serving as lead legal counsel to the Flats East Bank project, where she partnered and worked closely with multiple public and private stakeholders. "She has worked brilliantly with people from all sectors of the community," McKay said in the nomination. "Her smarts, creativity, compassion and energy are remarkable, and she is a true star in helping Cleveland grow and prosper."

