



# L. Bradfield Hughes

*partner*

Brad represents clients in a variety of litigation contexts, including appeals, original actions and commercial litigation. He is an active member of the firm's Energy group, its Wireless and Telecommunications area, and he chairs the Appellate Practice Group.

Brad assists utilities, oil and gas companies and other entities in appeals before the Supreme Court of Ohio and in matters before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Further, Brad advises wireless telecommunications carriers on new cell site deployment to build out legacy and state-of-the-art wireless technologies. This includes administrative permitting proceedings, zoning and rights-of-way disputes, and litigation in federal courts arising under applicable federal laws.

After graduating from the University of Dayton School of Law, Brad clerked for former Ohio Supreme Court Justice Deborah L. Cook.

Due to his clerkship at the Ohio Supreme Court, Brad participates in many of the firm's cases there, assisting co-counsel with jurisdictional memoranda, merit briefs, original actions and preparations for oral argument.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

### Appellate Practice

- Represented investor-owned utilities in power siting and rate-related appeals to the Ohio Supreme Court.
- Obtained discretionary review in the Ohio Supreme Court and a precedent-setting decision on behalf of a title insurance company in an appeal regarding Ohio's Statute of Frauds.
- Protected an investor-owned utility's critical energy infrastructure information pending appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court.

### Litigation

- Represented a major U.S. manufacturer in adversary proceedings brought in bankruptcy court.
- Obtained a significant arbitration award on behalf of a pharmaceutical services provider.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Blogs

energylawreport.com  
bankingandfinancelawreport.com  
employerlawreport.com

## EDUCATION

University of Dayton School of Law,  
J.D., 1999

Kenyon College, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1994

## SERVICES

### Litigation

- Appellate and Supreme Court practice
- E-Discovery
- Commercial litigation

### Energy

- Oil and gas
- Utility regulation

### Environmental

- Assisted an investor-owned utility in New Source Review enforcement actions.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- Supreme Court of the United States

## PRESENTATIONS

- “Appellate Review: An Informal Discussion with the Honorable Jeffrey Sutton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit,” Porter Wright Annual Ethics & Trends in Litigation Seminar, Dec. 7, 2017
- “What In-House Counsel Need to Know About Commercial Drones,” Central Ohio Association of Corporate Counsel, Feb. 9, 2017
- “Ohio Supreme Court Review,” Porter Wright Annual Ethics & Trends in Litigation Seminar, December 2009-2016
- “The ABC’s of Amicus Briefs: What Are They and What They Can Do for Your Organization,” Ohio Society of Association Executives, November 2014
- “Getting In & Staying Out: The Ins and Outs of Discretionary Review by the Supreme Court,” Columbus Bar Association Appellate Advocacy Seminar, June 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

- “Drone regulation: Federal, state and local efforts to eyeball those eyes in the sky,” *Infrastructure*, American Bar Association Section of Public Utility, Communications and Transportation Law, Winter 2016
- “Drone regulation: Keeping an eye on that eye in the sky,” *Dayton Business Journal*, Aug. 19, 2012
- “Can you ‘DIG’ it? The dismissal of appeals as improvidently granted,” *Ohio Lawyer*, September/October 2013
- “Public to see metadata?” *Ohio Lawyer*, July/August 2011
- *ABA Annual Report of the Section of Public Utility, Communications and Transportation Law*, American Bar Association, 2007-2012
- “Public to see metadata?,” *Ohio Lawyer*, July/August 2011

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Columbus Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute, Appellate Advocacy Committee

## HONORS | AWARDS

- Ohio State Bar Association, Best Brief Award “Best Private Briefs,” April 2018
- *Best Lawyers*®, Commercial Litigation
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, Rising Stars Edition, 2009, 2011-2012

## SERVICES (CONTINUED)

### Government & Regulatory Affairs

- Regulatory advocacy and drafting
- Election law representation

### Wireless & Telecommunications

- Infrastructure siting and permitting
- Administrative appeals

COMMUNITY

- Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Finance Committee, NewSong Choir