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As a former Assistant Disciplinary Counsel in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel for the Supreme Court of Ohio, Alvin is recognized as a lawyer's lawyer who is called upon to represent solo practitioners, in-house counsel, and law firms on a variety of ethics and professional liability matters. Alvin has been asked to provide representation on hundreds of legal ethics advisory opinions and lawyer discipline case investigations, including over 100 lawyer discipline trials and more than 20 oral arguments before the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Alvin is a litigator with experience in complex business and professional liability matters. He is also relied upon by other litigators to serve as an expert witness on lawyer conduct questions and has presented more than 200 continuing legal education seminars and published many articles on lawyers' ethical responsibilities. Recognized for his talent and skill, Alvin has been named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list every year since 2011, and to *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Administrative & Regulatory Law.

Education

- Miami University (A.B., 1984)
- Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law (J.D., 1987)
 - National Moot Court Team
 - National Privacy Law Team, Appellate Advocacy Award
 - American Jurisprudence Award, Trial Practice

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Professional Affiliations

- Law360 Legal Ethics Editorial Advisory Board (2021)

Practices & Industries

- Ethics and Professionalism
- Professional Liability
- Complex Business Litigation
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution

- Columbus Bar Foundation (*Fellow*)
- Ohio State Bar Foundation (*Fellow*)
- Ohio State Bar Association (*Former Council of Delegates Member*)
- Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Inn of Court (*Former Member*)

Community Involvement

- Adjunct Professor, The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law (2024-present)
- Miami University Alumni Association (*Board of Directors, 2005-2009*)
- Habitat for Humanity (*Former Board Member*)

Firm Involvement

- General Counsel

Awards & Honors

- Designated *Best Lawyers*® Administrative/Regulatory Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Columbus (2022, 2026)
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Administrative & Regulatory Law (2016-2026)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers List (2011-2026)
- Named a Diversity Leader by Profiles in Diversity Journal (2023)
- Named a “Black Leader Worth Watching” by Profiles in Diversity Journal (2021)
- Recognized in the Top 50, Columbus Super Lawyers (2015-2017)
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™ – Martindale-Hubbell®

Experience

- Advises attorneys and law firms regarding compliance with local rules of professional conduct, providing confidential advisory opinions on a variety of topics, including client-lawyer confidentiality, lawyer advertising, conflicts of interest, IOLTA management, fee disputes, terminating representation, multi-jurisdictional practice, sale and purchase of law firm practices, and ex-parte contact with employees.
- Provides expert witness testimony on legal ethics issues, including disqualification, liability and ethical responsibility, and legal fees.
- Reviews and responds to hundreds of ethics complaints, and guides attorneys through the disciplinary process, including disciplinary hearings and trials, and proceedings before the Supreme Court of Ohio.
- Offers bar admissions advice and representation for bar applicants, including, character and fitness interviews, and admission hearings.
- Provides counsel in complex business litigation matters, including trade secret disputes and the defense of legal malpractice cases.

News & Media

August 21, 2025

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2026 List

January 6, 2025

UB Greensfelder Promotes Carmen White to Chief Diversity Officer and Alvin Mathews to General Counsel

December 17, 2024

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 57 UB Greensfelder Attorneys in 2025

August 15, 2024

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 List

June 1, 2024

UB Greensfelder's Role in the St. Louis Community: Building a Diverse and Inclusive Workplace

St. Louis Business Journal

December 29, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 50 Ulmer Attorneys in 2024 Lists

August 17, 2023

Ulmer Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Report

June 20, 2023

ABA Offers Opinion Explaining the Choice-of-Law Analysis in the Model Rules of Professional Conduct

March 31, 2023

Ulmer Receives 2023 Diversity Leader Award from Profiles in Diversity Journal

January 6, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 69 Ulmer Attorneys in 2023 Lists

December 16, 2022

American Bar Association Advises on Implied Consent to “Reply All” Responses in Electronic Communications with Opposing Counsel and Clients

August 18, 2022

Ulmer Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2023 Report

August 2, 2022

Lawyers are Responsible for Ensuring Effective Communication with Clients when Faced with Language or Other Communication Barriers

April 19, 2022

Ohio Board of Professional Conduct Advises on Conflicts Involving Part-Time Prosecutors and Judges

February 4, 2022

Ohio Board of Professional Conduct Advises Judges May Provide Letters of

Recommendation Under Certain Circumstances

January 12, 2022

Ulmer Partner Alvin Mathews Named to List of Black Leaders Worth Watching

January 4, 2022

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes Ulmer Attorneys in 2022 Lists

December 6, 2021

Ulmer Announces Promotion of Eight Attorneys

November 10, 2021

New Opinion Warns Against Practicing Law Under Nationally Franchised Common Trade Name Owned by Non-Lawyers

August 23, 2021

Ohio Lawyers May Only Say They Are Specialists in Fields of Law Designated By the State Supreme Court

July 7, 2021

New Attorney Unclaimed Funds Law Takes Effect in Ohio

June 2, 2021

Lawyers Who Are Sole Shareholders of Corporations May Represent Those Entities and Testify as Necessary Witnesses in Private Arbitration

May 4, 2021

Ohio Lawyers and Their Firms Have Mutual Ethical Obligations to Clients When Lawyers Depart

April 5, 2021

Ohio Adopts Four-Year Statute of Repose for Legal Malpractice Cases

Recent Publications & Presentations

PUBLICATIONS

- "As Cyber Risks Surge, Remember Attorneys' Ethical Duties," Law360 (April 2022)
- "Ethics Encore: Ethical Obligations Related to Cybersecurity," Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal (November 2021)
- Columbus Bar Association Lawyers Quarterly, Past Contributing Author

PRESENTATIONS

- "Elevating Your Law School and Leadership Experiences," The Midwest Region of the National Black Law Students Association (MWBLSA) Academic and Leadership Retreat (September 2023)
- "Keeping It Professional: A Discussion on Professional Conduct," Ulmer Webinar (December 2022)
- "Anatomy of a Disciplinary Case," Miller-Becker Seminar, Ohio State Bar Association (October 2022)
- "Legal Ethics: Meeting Professional Obligations in the Midst and Aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic," Ulmer Webinar (April 2020)

- “What Every Competent Real Estate Professional Needs to Know About Ethics,”
Columbus Bar Association Real Property Law Institute (February 2020)