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Overview

Sydni is an associate attorney driven by a lifelong passion for justice and advocacy. Guided by a strong sense of fairness and belief in the power of words, she is dedicated to using the law to make a meaningful difference for her clients. Sydni's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation. She has supported trial teams across the country in matters involving bankruptcy, environmental, and contractual issues. Her interests also include constitutional and administrative law, environmental and construction matters, and general commercial litigation, reflecting her commitment to developing a broad and versatile practice.

Sydni views the role of an attorney as a profound responsibility-standing up for clients when they need it most and serving as their voice in high-stakes situations. Her perspective as a new associate has been shaped by hands-on experiences, including an externship with Judge Charles E. Fleming at the Northern District of Ohio, where she gained insight into judicial processes and the importance of precise advocacy. As managing associate for Cleveland State Law's Journal of Law and Health, she refined her attention to detail and leadership skills. Sydni's summer associate experience further fueled her passion for teamwork and collaborative problem-solving.

Sydni also previously externed with the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio, where she participated in a mock trial that sparked her enthusiasm for trial work. She has also contributed to environmental government initiatives, which underscored the value of building community relationships in achieving positive outcomes. As a teaching assistant for a Legislation and Regulation course, she developed her ability to communicate complex legal concepts clearly.

Representative Matters

- Prepared a counterclaim for a corporate real estate client, alleging that the plaintiff filed the complaint in bad faith and included fraudulent allegations against our client.
- Drafted and filed an arbitration demand on behalf of a corporate client, seeking recovery of hundreds of thousands of dollars in unpaid invoices from a counterparty.
- Assisted with a complex environmental trial involving CERCLA and RCRA applicability, including analysis of the government's substantive compliance in seeking recovery of response costs.
- Representing a professional sports league in a high stakes dispute against a celebrity-owned media company regarding the licensing of media rights, including heavy involvement in drafting a substantive response brief on behalf of the client.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Cleveland State University College of Law, 2025, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Journal of Law & Health
  - Max I. Kohrman Fellowship
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Award for the High A in Legislation and Regulation (Fall 2022) and Advanced Brief Writing (Fall 2024)
  - Dean's List
  - Environmental Justice Scholarship
  - Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps Officer-Select (GLP)
- The Ohio State University, 2022, *cum laude*, Environmental Policy and Decision Making

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

News & Insights

- A Brave New World: Trying Causation in PFAS Cases Under CERCLA
  September 11, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights