



NEWS RELEASE

Community Bankers Association of Ohio Engages Porter Wright to Advocate on Behalf of Ohio Community Banks

Columbus, OH – The Community Bankers Association of Ohio (CBAO) is pleased to announce that it has retained Porter Wright to represent CBAO at the statehouse and further the association’s legislative advocacy on behalf of the Ohio community banking industry. The firm has extensive experience in the financial industry and provides a wealth of expertise to further the legislative activity and resources provided by the association.

“Legislative advocacy and engagement have never been more important for Ohio’s community banks,” said Aza Bittinger Jr., President and COO of CBAO. “Porter Wright has been a member of our community for over 30 years, and we are excited to work with them to further our legislative activity, advocating passionately on behalf of the industry and providing the resources needed for community banks to navigate the changing regulatory landscape.”

“We are excited about the opportunity to represent CBAO at the Statehouse,” said Scott North, Chair of Porter Wright’s Government Affairs Practice. “Porter Wright has been providing legal services to the financial industry for the entirety of the firm’s 175-year existence, and this collaboration is a great fit for the industry as we begin providing legislative and regulatory advocacy on behalf of Ohio’s Community Banks. We look forward to partnering with CBAO to continue the important work the Association does supporting Ohio’s Community Banks and the local communities those banks serve.”

About Community Bankers Association of Ohio (CBAO)

The Community Bankers Association of Ohio (CBAO) is the financial trade association exclusively representing Ohio’s community bank and thrift institutions. The Community Bankers Association of Ohio (CBAO) is organized to establish and maintain an informed network of independent community banks in the state of Ohio that will have the influence and commitment to effectively serve, protect and promote the interests of its members.

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