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Jim Wilkins is a Shareholder with Kastner Westman & Wilkins, which is an affiliate of FordHarrison LLP.

Jim began his law career more than thirty years ago when labor law – dealing with unions -- was in full bloom, and employment law was still emerging. As a result, he has a depth and breadth of experience in labor law that many younger lawyers won't have because of the decline in the unionized segment of the American workforce.

Throughout his career, he has devoted significant time to representing and counseling employers on union relations matters, including collective bargaining negotiations, arbitration proceedings, and maintaining non-union status. He has negotiated countless labor contracts in both the private and public sectors, both blue collar and white collar. He regularly represents employers before the National Labor Relations Board and Ohio's State Employment Relations Board in representation and unfair labor practice proceedings.

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EDUCATION

- » George Washington University Law School (J.D., *with honors*, 1983)
- » College of Wooster (B.A., *with honors*, 1979)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- » Ohio

COURT ADMISSIONS

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