

Each day, all of the nearly 40,000 practicing lawyers in Ohio contribute to the profession in one way or another, largely without recognition.

In this special section, Ohio Lawyers Weekly has selected eight Ohio lawyers who stood out from the crowd in 1998 — by winning important decisions, being involved in cases that raise challenging legal issues and otherwise furthering the profession's commitment to the rule of law and to justice in the state.

These eight lawyers represent the broad spectrum of law practice in Ohio. They include sole practitioners and partners in large firms. They practice in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus and other regions of the state. They work in the private sector and the public sector. And their practice specialties vary from criminal law to real-estate law.

Some of the eight lawyers selected have been involved in cases or causes that some might consider controversial. In highlighting these attorneys, Ohio Lawyers Weekly does not necessarily endorse the result achieved in any particular case but merely acknowledges the significance of the controversy for the law and society.

