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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, B.A., 2009

LAW SCHOOL

University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D.,
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BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Ohio

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Craft Breweries/Distilleries and Wineries
Hospitality
Liquor Law
Ohio Division of Liquor Control Compliance
Start-Ups
TTB Tax Audit Compliance
Veterans Initiative

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Entrepreneurship and Community
Development Clinic - Volunteer Attorney

AFFILIATIONS

Ohio State Bar Association
Ohio Craft Brewer's Association
Ohio Distiller's Guild
American Distilling Institute

James G. Niekamp is an attorney who concentrates his practice on advising all three tiers of the alcohol beverage industry including breweries, wineries, distilleries, distributors and retailers. James' practice includes counsel relating to federal (TTB), state (Ohio Division of Liquor Control) and local laws governing the sale, manufacturing, distribution, importation and marketing of alcoholic beverages, including beer, wine and spirits. James works closely with alcohol producers on various issues, including regulatory due diligence, TTB investigations and audits, permitting issues, and general regulatory compliance. His clients range from small start-ups to publicly traded Fortune 1000 companies.

Prior to joining Graydon, James worked on commercial litigation matters in the legal department of a large corporation, and most recently, on TTB issues for a boutique law firm in Miamisburg, Ohio. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Law and received his Bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University. During law school, James interned for a civil litigation firm and for a federal district court judge.

Outside of his private practice, James serves as an Officer in the U. S. Army Reserve's Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps.