

Cleveland State University



P. KELLY TOMPKINS was appointed to the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees by Governor Mike DeWine on February 24, 2023 for a term beginning May 2, 2022, and ending on May 1, 2031.

An alumnus of the CSU College of Law, Mr. Tompkins currently serves the college as Leader-in-Residence. In that role, he advises current and prospective students and co-teaches a leadership class at the law school. As the former Chair of the Board of Visitors, Tompkins provided counsel to the Dean on a myriad of strategic priorities and issues. In 2018, Mr. Tompkins made a significant donation to the law school to establish one of the country's first leadership and law education programs.

Mr. Tompkins is also a senior advisor with Dix & Eaton, a Cleveland-based communications firm, where he provides C-suite counsel to board chairs, CEOs, CFOs and other corporate officers on governance, investor relations, transactions, enterprise risk management, sustainability, capital markets, finance, government and public affairs, corporate communications and other issues.

Additionally, Mr. Tompkins serves as an independent director of First American Funds, a money market fund affiliated with U.S. Bancorp Asset Management in Minneapolis, with fiduciary responsibility for a \$120+ billion complex of taxable and tax-free money market funds.

Tompkins' impressive legal and corporate career has included stints as Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Cleveland Cliffs, and Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, RPM International. During his career at both Cleveland Cliffs and RPM, he served as Chief Legal Officer. He also served as President of the Cleveland Bar Association in 2005-2006.

In addition to his J.D. degree from CSU, Tompkins holds a bachelor's degree from Mercyhurst University. An active member of the community, he currently serves as a trustee of the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation. For nearly ten years, Tompkins was Chair of the Advisory Council of the Baldwin Wallace University Center for Innovation & Growth and is a former trustee of Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA.

He is a past recipient of the CSU George B. Davis Service Award and a CSU Law Alumni Association Alumnus of the Year.