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Lisa Whittaker is Employment, Compliance, and Litigation Counsel for Express, Inc., a specialty retail apparel company based in Columbus, OH. Ms. Whittaker joined Express in December 2017. Whittaker ensures management and employees are in compliance with the rules and regulations of regulatory agencies, Company policies and procedures, and that behavior in the organization meets the Company's Code of Conduct. Whittaker also advises business partners and defends the Company in litigation.

Prior to this, Ms. Whittaker was Senior Attorney for Litigation and Employment Law with ascena Retail Group, Inc., where she worked closely with cross-functional business partners to reduce risk to the business, advance business goals and defend against litigation. Whittaker was also previously a member of the Employment department at Porter Wright Morris and Arthur. Whittaker began her legal career at the Ohio Attorney General's Office, serving in the Constitutional Offices, Employment Law, and Education Sections.

Prior to law school, Whittaker was a teacher, and Varsity Track and Field and Cross Country coach. Whitaker has been an advocate for diversity and inclusion throughout her life, having served as the President of the John Mercer Langston Bar Association Board and on the Executive Committee of the Ohio Women's Bar Association. Whittaker is also an active community volunteer, having served nine years on The Ohio State University Board of Trustees for the Newark Campus and as a Board Member for the Ohio Domestic Violence Network. Whittaker resides in Columbus and enjoys travelling, working out and spending time with family.

