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AREAS OF PRACTICE
Business
Finance Law
Mergers & Acquisitions
Nonprofit & Foundation



As a business attorney, I help my clients navigate the complexities, and capitalize on the opportunities, that exist in corporate and banking matters, employee stock benefit plans, corporate governance issues, mergers and acquisitions, business dispute resolution matters, and commercial real estate transactions. Because of this experience, I often serve as general counsel for closely-held corporations and non-profit associations throughout Ohio.

I work directly with my clients to understand their business needs and offer solutions that both support their goals and avoid legal conflict in the courtroom. I proactively reach out to clients to offer guidance on new regulations and changes within the marketplace, and routinely counsel clients on legal and strategic situations that could affect their business. In matters where litigation is inevitable, I will work aggressively with a collaborative team of commercial litigators to protect my clients' best interests.

Clients come to me for my corporate and banking law experience, my sound business judgment and my collaborative approach to business growth and development. They look to me to understand their sophisticated, complex transactions and develop practical solutions. Clients often ask me to counsel shareholder and closely-held business disputes knowing I can help them through these sensitive issues.

EXPERIENCE

- Prior to joining the firm in 2019, served on Executive Management Committee of a large multi-city law firm for over 30 years and Managing Partner for 8 years.
- Provides counsel to a wide range of businesses throughout Northeast Ohio
- Focuses on corporate transactional work, banking and commercial real estate
- Heavily involved in community activities and serves on the board of numerous area non-profit organizations
- Appointed Commissioner by the President of the Senate to serve on Ohio Local Reform and Collaboration Commission (2008-2010)

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

The Ohio State University Moritz School of Law, Columbus, Ohio (J.D., 1985)

Exeter University, United Kingdom - International law and European Community Law (1983)

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (B.S., cum laude, 1982)

Admissions

Ohio Bar

AWARDS & HONORS

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2011-2023) banking/finance & corporate (2020-2023)

Best Lawyers in America Lawyer of the Year, bankruptcy and finance Law (2022)

Selected for inclusion in *Ohio's Super Lawyers*[®] (2015-2016), as voted by his peers

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Board of Directors: Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

Chairman of the Board of Directors (2007)

Chair: School Levy Review Committee

Chair: City-County Affairs Committee

Chair: 21st Century Government Steering Committee

Past Chair: Nominating Committee

Member: Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform and Collaboration

Member, Board of Directors: ArtsinStark

Member, Board of Directors: Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival

Member, Steering Committee:

Chairman: Sunday Kickoff Concert and Community Parade

Founding Director: Edgewood Community Center

Member, Board of Directors: Brookside Country Club

Founding Chair: Stark County Government Academy

Trustee: Stark Development Board

Member: Leadership Canton, Class of 1992

Member, Board of Directors: Canton Ballet

Chair, Board of Directors: Canton Forum

Member, Board of Directors: Canton Symphony Orchestra

Member, Board of Directors: Canton Palace Theater

Member, Board of Directors: Eric Snow YMCA

Chair: Downtown YMCA Campaign Drive

Member: United Way Allocation Council

Member: Greater Akron Chamber, Akron Small Business Council

Associations

Member: Ohio State Bar Association

Member: Stark County Bar Association

Corporate Law Committee

Unauthorized Practice Committee