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CANTON

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Business
 - Finance Law
 - Mergers & Acquisitions
 - Nonprofit & Foundation
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EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University Moritz School of Law (J.D., 1985)
 - Exeter University, United Kingdom (International Law and European Community Law, 1983)
 - Miami University (B.S., *cum laude*, 1982)
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ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

OVERVIEW

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.

AWARDS & HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®]
- Best Lawyers[®] 2022 Bankruptcy and Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Canton
- *Ohio's Super Lawyers*[®]

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
 - School Levy Review Committee, Chair
 - City-County Affairs Committee, Chair
 - 21st Century Government Steering Committee, Chair
 - Chairman of the Board of Directors (2007)
 - Nominating Committee, Past Chair



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- Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform and Collaboration
- ArtsinStark, Board of Directors
- Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival, Board of Directors
 - Steering Committee, Member
 - Sunday Kickoff Concert and Community Parade, Chairman
- Edgewood Community Center, Founding Director
- Brookside Country Club, Board of Directors
- Stark County Government Academy, Founding Chair
- Stark Development Board, Trustee
- Leadership Canton, Class of 1992
- Canton Ballet, Board of Directors
- Canton Forum, Chair, Board of Directors
- Canton Symphony Orchestra, Board of Directors
- Canton Palace Theater, Board of Directors
- Eric Snow YMCA, Board of Directors
 - Downtown YMCA Campaign Drive, Chair
- United Way Allocation Council
- Greater Akron Chamber, Akron Small Business Council

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)

MEDIA

- [“Meet Rob Roland, senior counsel with Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs,”](#) *Canton Repository* (2024)
- [Take the Money and Run \(Your Business\) Webinar](#) (May 28, 2020)
- [SBA Provides New Guidance for PPP Loans | Guidance will Apply to Loans Already Made](#) (April 30, 2020)



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- “Understanding your Fiduciary Responsibilities: Recognizing and Reacting to Conflicts of Interest,” Canton Symphony (2013)
- “Recognizing and Reacting to Conflicts of Interest, Association of Fundraising Professionals” (2012)
- “How Will Health Care Reform Impact My Business?” Akron CPE Day (2011)
- “Eight Guiding Principles for Operating in an Economic Storm” (2009)
- “Exit Planning for Selling Your Business” (2008)