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PRACTICE AREAS

- Business
 - Finance Law
 - Nonprofit & Foundation
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EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University
College of Law (J.D., with honors, 1981)
 - The Ohio State University (B.A., 1978)
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ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- Federal District Court
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

OVERVIEW

I am a commercial finance attorney with over 40 years of experience representing borrowers, banks, underwriters and bond purchasers as they navigate their financial and transactional circumstances.

I guide my clients through various financing and transactional matters in addition to structuring numerous loans, leases and tax-exempt bonds. I draft and negotiate a wide range of commercial transactions for my clients including general commercial contracts, supply agreements, purchase and sale warranties and disclaimers, and letters of credit.

Because of my experience handling sophisticated matters, I am able to properly advise my clients on whatever corporate finance issues or transactions they face. My goal is to make the process as easy for my clients as possible, which means I stay on top of their cases, I keep them informed every step of the way, and I show my clients the respect and dedication they deserve from an attorney.

AWARDS & HONORS

- The Best Lawyers in America® (1995-2027)
 - 2025 Akron "Lawyer of the Year" – Banking and Finance Law
 - 2018 Akron "Lawyer of the Year" – Banking and Finance Law
 - 2014 Akron "Lawyer of the Year" – Banking and Finance Law
 - 2009 Akron "Lawyer of the Year" – Banking and Finance Law
- Ohio Super Lawyers® (2004-2005, 2014-2020)
- Ohio Super Lawyers Business Edition® for Business & Transactions – Banking (2015)
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rating

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Archbishop Hoban Trust Fund Board
- Archbishop Hoban High School Board
- St. Hilary Foundation Board
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Northeast Ohio Chapter Committees
- Leadership Akron Class 2003-2004



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EXPERIENCE

- In addition to the matters described above, represents client with matters pertaining to revolving lines of credit, tax increment financing, tax abatement, factoring transactions, interest rate swaps, and currency hedges.
- Joined the firm as an associate in 1981; elected partner in 1988
- Served on the firm's board of managers
- Practice areas include finance and municipal law, commercial and corporate transactions and nonprofit entity law

MEDIA

Publications:

- [Take the Money and Run Your Business \(Part II\) Webinar](#) (July 29, 2020)
- [FRB Amends Terms of Main Street Loan Program](#) (June 9, 2020)
- [A Closer Look at the Main Street Loan Program](#) (June 5, 2020)
- [SBA Provides New Guidance for PPP Loans | Guidance will Apply to Loans Already Made](#) (April 30, 2020)

Presentations:

- "Tax Increment Financing and Other Development Issues," Annual Real Estate & Construction Law Seminar (2009)