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#### **Practice Areas**

Business Succession Planning

Commercial Law

Commercial Litigation

Commercial Real Estate

Employment Law

Franchise Law

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private & Family Owned Businesses

Residential Real Estate

#### **Education**

- The Ohio State University College of Law (J.D., 1988)
- Miami University (B.S., 1985) Pi Mu Epsilon

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#### **Overview**

Bob's practice focuses on Business Law, which encompasses real estate, corporate law and commercial litigation matters. He is experienced in all aspects of commercial real estate transactions and regularly handles the negotiations, acquisition, development and leasing of commercial properties. Bob also assists small businesses in all aspects of initial startup including entity selection and incorporation. His litigation experience includes prosecuting and defending non-compete lawsuits, contract disputes, and representation of financial institutions.

#### **Experience**

- Has represented numerous clients in the sale and purchase of multi-million dollar companies, both of asset and stock, and the negotiation of all related agreements.
- Defended from start to conclusion a local bank in a lender liability case, obtaining summary judgment and affirmance by the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Experienced in all aspects of commercial real estate transactions including sale, acquisition and construction, advising clients on tax-deferment and like-kind exchanges.
- Represents franchisees of numerous companies
- Prosecutes and defends non-compete lawsuits.
- Involved in all aspects of negotiation and purchase of real estate and related development leasing of strip centers.
- Extensive experience negotiating leases in all types of commercial centers.
- Assists business clients in entity selection, formation and initial startup and drafting of operating agreements.

#### **Honors/Distinctions**

- Received AV peer rating by Martindale-Hubbell- a reflection of having achieved the highest level of professional skill and integrity a lawyer can earn
- Inducted to the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers
- Recipient, Judge Joseph M. Harter Memorial Award for Achievement in Trial Practice

#### **Admissions**

- State of Ohio
- Commonwealth of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

#### **Professional Affiliations**

- Cincinnati Bar Association (Past Chairman, Past Vice Chairman and Past Secretary, Admissions Committee)
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA) (Past Chairman, Commercial Litigation Committee)

#### **Community Involvement**

- Business Network International, Tri-County Chapter (Past President, Mentor Coordinator)
- Theta Chi Fraternity Alumni Association, Gamma Kappa Chapter (Secretary and Trustee)
- Business Network International, Greater Cincinnati Chapter (Past President)
- Kenwood Swim and Tennis Club (Former Member, Board of Trustees)
- EDOCS, Inc. (Member, Advisory Board)
- Basketball Coach at school and AAU levels

#### **Presentations**

- “Key Steps in Purchasing or Selling a Business,” Commerce National Bank 2011 Fall Seminar (September 2011)
- “Protecting What You Have Built,” 2011 Greater Cincinnati Veterinary Business Forum (June 2011)
- “How to Build a Stronger Practice,” Commerce National Bank 2010 Dental Business Forum (November 2010)
- “Navigating the Restructuring Minefield - Legal, Ethical and Professional Duties of the Troubled Business and Its Advisors,” TriState Association for Corporate Renewal (October 2007)
- “Effect of New Bankruptcy Law on Landlords,” Lorman seminar (January 2007)
- “Ohio Construction Law,” Ohio Mechanic’s Lien Law seminar (April 2001)

#### **Publications**

- “Ohio’s New Mechanic’s Lien Law,” *Deliberations*, Vol. VI, Issue 1, Spring 1992
- “To Perform or Not to Perform – The Effect of Bankruptcy on Executory Contracts,” *Deliberations*, Vol. IV, Issue 1, Spring 1990