



H. Grant Stephenson

Grant focuses on the regulation of financial firms such as banks, credit unions, broker-dealers and investment advisors. He has also represented clients in business formations and acquisitions, financial institution mergers, the issuance of public and private securities, equipment leasing matters, corporate reorganization, bankruptcy proceedings and technology matters, including electronic payment systems.

He has represented de novo financial institutions, corporate and natural person credit unions, community banks, and regional and national banking organizations.

Grant is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] in the areas of Banking and Finance Law, Equipment Finance Law and Financial Services Regulation Law, has been recognized in *Ohio Super Lawyers*[®] and he is AV Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell[®]. Grant was named *Best Lawyers*[®] 2014 Columbus, Ohio Equipment Finance Law “Lawyer of the Year” and most recently named *Best Lawyers*[®] Columbus, Ohio Financial Services Regulation Law “Lawyer of the Year” in 2015 and 2017. He edits the firm’s banking & finance blog, *Banking & Finance Law Report*.

Bar Admissions

Ohio
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
Supreme Court of the United States

Presentations

- “Change in Ohio Law Regarding Reporting of Elder Abuse,” Community Bankers Association of Ohio, March 5, 2019
- “Where Does the Bailout Fit Into Your Business?” Project for Law & Business Ethics, Dayton School of Law, March 20, 2009

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Blogs

bankingandfinancelawreport.com

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Michael E.
Moritz College of Law, J.D., 1979

Ohio University, A.B., *summa cum laude*, 1971

SERVICES

Financial Institutions

- Financial institution regulation and corporate governance
- Mergers and acquisitions, and other regulatory matters
- Secured lending, negotiable instruments and other Uniform Commercial Code matters
- Representation of financial institution regulatory agencies

Banking & Finance

- Equipment leasing and financing

Publications

- “Banker’s Brief” (Legal Column), *The Ohio Community Banker*, Community Bankers Association of Ohio, 1986-present

Honors | Awards

- *Best Lawyers*[®], Columbus, Ohio Financial Services Regulation Law “Lawyer of the Year,” 2015, 2017
- *Best Lawyers*[®] Columbus, Ohio Equipment Finance Law “Lawyer of the Year,” 2014
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®], Banking & Finance Law
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*[®], Banking, Business/Corporate
- Martindale-Hubbell[®], AV Preeminent
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Omicron Delta Kappa

Community

- Professor, Board of Trustees of Columbus Chamber Orchestra, Board of Trustees
- College of Arts and Sciences School for Girls, Board of Trustees
- Leadership Columbus, 1989

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Business Growth & Operation

- Board and committee counsel
- Executive compensation

Privacy & Data Security

- U.S. and international privacy regulation
- Broker, lender and financial institution matters

Bankruptcy, Workout & Creditors' Rights

- Creditors' rights
- Reorganizations and workouts

Technology

- Software development, licensing and services

Securities

- Regulatory compliance and corporate governance
- Investment advisors

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Financial institution regulation and corporate governance

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Columbus Bar Association