



H. Grant Stephenson

counsel to the firm

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 *Best Lawyers*® 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,” *Best Lawyers*®, 2020 Columbus, Ohio Banking and Finance Law “Lawyer of the Year,” and *Best Lawyers*® Columbus, Ohio Financial Services Regulation Law “Lawyer of the Year” in 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021. 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

PUBLICATIONS

- “Financial Institution Regulation: Ohio,” *Thomas Reuters’ Practical Law*, Aug. 27, 2019
- “Banker’s Brief” (Legal Column), *The Ohio Community Banker*, Community Bankers Association of Ohio, 1986-present

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Blogs

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University 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

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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

HONORS | AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers*[®], Columbus, Ohio Financial Services Regulation Law, “Lawyer of the Year,” 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021
- *Best Lawyers*[®], Columbus, Ohio Banking and Finance Law, “Lawyer of the Year,” 2020
- *Best Lawyers*[®], Columbus, Ohio Equipment Finance Law, “Lawyer of the Year,” 2014
- *Best Lawyers*[®], Banking and Finance Law, Equipment Finance Law, and Financial Services Regulation Law
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*[®]
- Martindale-Hubbell[®], AV Preeminent
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Omicron Delta Kappa

COMMUNITY

- ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, Board of Trustees
- Columbus School for Girls, Board of Trustees
- Leadership Columbus, 1989

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Banking & Finance

- Equipment leasing and financing

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