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Mr. Browning is a partner in the Vorys Houston office and chair of the firm's commercial and real estate group. Mr. Browning transitioned his practice from the firm's Columbus office in 2011.

Mr. Browning practices primarily in the areas of corporate and commercial finance. He has extensive experience in the representation of commercial banks and borrowers, both publicly and privately held, in a wide range of financing transactions, including syndicated loans, asset based loans, mezzanine and second tier financings, multi-currency transactions, general secured transactions, loan restructurings, and construction loans. His practice also includes the purchase and sale of commercial real estate, defeasance transactions, business contracts, real estate finance, asset acquisitions and sales, and a variety of derivatives transactions under the ISDA platform.

Career highlights include:

- Negotiation of multiple billion dollar syndicated multicurrency credit facilities, both secured and unsecured, for publicly held borrowers.
- Advising clients in the negotiation of derivatives transactions, including transactions under the ISDA Master Agreement and related schedules and credit support documentation.

Mr. Browning is a frequent speaker on Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Mr. Browning received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Boston College Law School, where he was executive editor of the *Boston College Law Review*. He received his B.A. from Williams College.

Before joining Vorys, Mr. Browning was a corporate loan officer for Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company in New York from 1987 to 1990.

Practice Areas

Commercial, Finance, and Real Estate
Financial Institutions

Industries

Financial Institutions
Restaurants, Food, and Beverage
Retail

Education

Boston College Law School, J.D., 1993, *cum laude*
Boston College Law Review, Executive Editor, 1992-1993
Williams College, B.A., 1987

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Professional and Community Activities

Williams College Alumni Association of Central Ohio, President, 2003-2012
The Columbus Academy, Board of Trustees, 2008 - Present
Friends of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Board of Trustees, 2002-2004
Columbus Bar Association, Chair, Real Property Committee, 2003-2005

Honors and Awards

Columbus CEO, Top Lawyers in Columbus, 2010-2012
The Best Lawyers in America, Real Estate Law, 2007-2012
Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars, Business/Corporate, 2005-2006
The Columbus Bar Association's President's Award, 2005
Fellow of the Columbus Bar Foundation since 2000

Bar and Court Admissions

Ohio
Texas