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Mr. Read is a partner in the Vorys Cleveland office and a member of the litigation group. His trial practice focuses on complex litigation on behalf of lenders, employers, utilities and manufacturers in state and federal courts, including bankruptcy courts.

Career highlights include:

- Successfully representing a national accounting firm that was sued in state court in Cleveland by 86 investors who lost \$90 million in a Ponzi scheme. The case settled for pennies on the dollar
- Acting as lead counsel in a jury trial resulting in a \$3.25 million verdict in a case involving trade secret theft—the design of a rolling mill
- Acting as lead counsel in a trial resulting in a defense verdict for a London-based bank in a case involving a contractual dispute over ownership of a shipload of hijacked pig iron
- Successfully persuading the Ohio Supreme Court on behalf of a national financial services organization that the Ohio Constitution preempts cities and counties from passing predatory lending ordinances
- Representing several former partners of a bankrupt law firm in litigation brought by a Trustee seeking to have them disgorge income they had earned during the years before the firm collapsed
- Participating throughout 1973 in Operation Homecoming—the repatriation of the Vietnam POWs—while on active duty in the Navy

Mr. Read is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and the Defense Research Institute.

Mr. Read has been a member of National Institute of Trial Advocacy faculties for almost 20 years, teaching courses on trial and deposition-taking techniques.

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
Financial Institutions
Litigation

Industries

Building, Construction, and
Design Services
Energy and Utilities
Financial Institutions
Retail

Education

University of Washington School
of Law, J.D., 1972
*University of Washington Law
Review*, Managing Editor,
1971-1972
Northwestern University, B.A.,
1969

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Mr. Read received his J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law where he was the Managing Editor of the University of Washington Law Review. He received his B.A. from Northwestern University.

Professional and Community Activities

Former Ohio State Bar Examiner

The Lillian and Betty Ratner School, Board Member

Northwestern University Alumni Clubs of Cleveland and Pittsburgh, Former President

Achievement Centers for Children, Former Board Member

Honors and Awards

The Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation, 2011-2012

Ohio Super Lawyers, Civil Litigation Defense, 2006-2012

Inside Business, Northeastern Ohio's Leading Lawyers, 2002-2010

Bar and Court Admissions

Ohio

Pennsylvania

Colorado (inactive)

Washington (inactive)