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Mr. Bedree is a partner in the Vorys Cincinnati office where he is a member of the commercial and real estate group. His general business practice has an emphasis in finance, and he has represented many national and regional asset-based and structured finance lenders. His practice also includes franchising, acquisitions, sales of companies, multi-borrower, multi-jurisdiction (cross-border) transactions, acquisition financing, asset sales out of bankruptcy, multi-lender (club) deals, capital expenditure financing, negotiating subordinated debt and preferred stock arrangements with institutional providers of mezzanine capital, equipment leasing, workouts and restructurings.

Mr. Bedree is a member of the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the Cincinnati Bar Association.

Mr. Bedree received his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and was the Research Editor of *The Cincinnati Law Review*. Mr. Bedree received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from DePauw University.

In between his tenure at Vorys, Mr. Bedree spent two years as in-house general counsel to a multi-state franchisor in the restaurant industry.

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
Commercial, Finance, and Real Estate
Corporate and Business Organizations
Financial Institutions

Education

University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D., 1984, Order of the Coif
The University of Cincinnati Law Review, Research Editor, 1983-1984
DePauw University, B.A., 1981, *magna cum laude*

Professional and Community Activities

Adventures for Wish Kids, Cincinnati Advisory Board Member, 2003-present
Annunciation Church, Finance Council, 1995-2005, 2007-2009; Parish Council, 2007-2009; St. Vincent De Paul Society 2009-present
The New School, Treasurer, President, and Trustee, 1995-2003

Honors and Awards

The Best Lawyers in America, Banking Law, 2003-2011
The Best Lawyers in America, Banking and Finance Law, 2012
The Best Lawyers in America, Franchise Law, 2006-2012

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The Best Lawyers in America, Financial Institutions and Transactions Law, 2005-2007

Ohio Super Lawyers, Banking, 2004-2012

Chambers and Partners, Leading Lawyer in Banking and Finance, 2003-2011

Bar and Court Admissions

Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio