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Mr. Treier is a partner in the Vorys Akron office and a member of the corporate and finance group. His practice focuses primarily on representation of public and significant private companies, which he regularly counsels on a broad range of matters involving corporate governance, securities law compliance and reporting issues, executive compensation and disclosure issues, public offerings of debt and equity securities, and merger and acquisition transactions. Mr. Treier is particularly experienced in representing public financial institutions.

Career highlights include:

- Serving as outside counsel in a variety of public company transactional and capital raising matters
- Serving as outside counsel in advising public companies and their boards of directors in regard to various governance and activist shareholder matters, including successful defense of proxy solicitations
- Negotiating and documenting significant private company purchase and sales transactions

Mr. Treier is a member of the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association and the Akron Bar Association.

Mr. Treier has lectured on various topics, including shareholder activism, corporate governance, and corporate ethical issues.

Mr. Treier received his J.D. *cum laude* from Case Western Reserve University School of Law where he was a member and Editor of the *Case Western Reserve Law Review*. He received his B.S. *magna cum laude* from Bowling Green State University.

Mr. Treier served as a federal judicial clerk for the Honorable Leroy J. Contie, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Practice Areas

Corporate and Business Organizations

Financial Institutions

Industries

Financial Institutions

Manufacturing

Retail

Education

Case Western Reserve University
School of Law, J.D., 1985, *cum laude*

Case Western Reserve Law Review, Editor, 1985

Bowling Green State University,
B.S., 1982, *magna cum laude*

Judicial Clerkships

The Honorable Leroy J. Contie,
Jr., United States Court of
Appeals for the Sixth Circuit,
1985-1987

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Publications

“Increased En Banc Activity by the Sixth Circuit,” *University of Toledo Law Review*, 1988 (19 U. Tol. L. Rev. 277)

“Appealability of District Court Orders Granting or Denying Stays of Arbitration Under 28 U.S.C. Section 1292(a)(1),” *Case Western Reserve Law Review*, 1986 (36 Case W. Res. L. Rev. 122)

Client Alert: Bankers Beware: Copying and Removal of Confidential Financial Institution and Supervisory Information Can Lead to FDIC Action

Client Alert: House Passes Legislation that Includes Important SEC Relief for Community Banks

Securities Alert: NYSE Eliminates Uninstructed Broker Voting on Certain Corporate Governance Issues

Securities Alert: Summary of 2012 Updates to the ISS U.S. Corporate Governance Policy

Securities Alert: Rule 14a-8 Amendments Permitting Shareholder Proxy Access Proposals are Now Effective

Securities Alert: D.C. Circuit Court Vacates Proxy Access Rule

Securities Alert: SEC Adopts Final Whistleblower Rules Under the Dodd-Frank Act

Client Alert: Loan Originator Compensation and Anti-Steering Rules Take Effect

Professional and Community Activities

Akron General Health System, Board of Directors, 2010-present

Akron General Partners, Inc., Director, 2007-present

Akron Metro YMCA Foundation, Trustee, 2004-present

Ohio & Erie Canalway Association, Director, 2010-present

Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, Director, 2006-present

Road Runner Akron Marathon, Board of Directors, 2007-present

Summit County American Cancer Society, Trustee, 2001-present

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University Park Alliance, Director, 2004-present

Honors and Awards

The Best Lawyers in America, Corporate Governance Law, 2008-2012

The Best Lawyers in America, Corporate Law, 2012

The Best Lawyers in America, Corporate Law, 2010-2011

Ohio Super Lawyers, Mergers and Acquisitions, 2005-2006 and 2008-2010

Events

2011 OBL/ILFI Joint Convention

Banking Institute 2011

Bar and Court Admissions

Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

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