



## STEPHEN D. BROWNING

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Steve is the managing partner of the Vorys Houston office and previously served as chair of the firm's finance, energy and real estate group. Steve transitioned his practice from the firm's Columbus office in 2011.

Steve practices primarily in the areas of finance, derivatives and real estate. 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, multicurrency transactions, structured finance, acquisition finance, general secured transactions, supply chain finance, loan restructurings, and intercreditor and subordination agreements. His practice also includes the purchase and sale of commercial real estate, defeasance transactions, beverage and food related contracts, real estate finance, asset acquisitions and sales. Steve regularly represents public and private companies in the drafting and negotiation of various types of complex commercial agreements. On the borrower side, he has worked extensively on retail and restaurant industry transactions.

Steve represents numerous financial institutions and public and private companies in derivatives activities, including advising on Dodd-Frank regulatory requirements and has a broad range of experience in the negotiation of derivative transactions and structured financial products, including transactions under the ISDA Master Agreement and related schedules and annexes, including credit support documentation.

Steve also advises clients in general business transactions, including acquisitions, sales and documentary and standby letters of credit.

### 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 foreign exchange, commodity and interest rate derivatives transactions
- Before joining Vorys, Steve was a corporate loan officer for Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company in New York

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

Steve 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.

### PRACTICE AREAS

Finance

Financial Institutions

Real Estate

### INDUSTRIES

Agriculture

Consumer Products and Retail

Financial Services

Restaurants, Food, and Beverage

### EDUCATION

Boston College Law School, J.D.,  
1993, *cum laude*

*Boston College Law Review*,  
Executive Editor, 1992-1993

Williams College, B.A., 1987

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Ohio

Texas

*Admitted to practice law only in  
the states listed above.*

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### Insights

"The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Expected to Become Law," March 11, 2021

"IBA's LIBOR Consultation and Banks' Potential Notice Obligations in respect of a Benchmark Transition Event," February 2, 2021

"President Signs \$900 Billion Economic Aid Package," December 27, 2020

"*Client Alert*: Banking Agencies Finalize Margin and Capital Requirements," November 17, 2015

"*Client Alert*: Oil and Gas Production Lending Guidance," April 22, 2014

### Professional and Community Activities

Houston Livestock Show And Rodeo, Wine Competition Committee, Committeeman, 2014-2017

Williams College Alumni Association of Central Ohio, President, 2003-2012

The Columbus Academy, Board of Trustees, 2008-2014

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, 2007-2022

*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

Martindale-Hubbell AV Peer Review Rated

### Events

4th Annual U.S. Regional Banks FX Forum  
September 18, 2014

2012 Association of Corporate Counsel Back to School Symposium: "Understanding Financial Provisions in Contracts"

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