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Focused on Financial Institutions

With nearly 400 attorneys in six offices, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP has a national practice with international experience. Vorys' attorneys are competitively positioned because of their seasoned expertise, technical efficiency and client-centric model. It's because of these attributes that the firm has received commendation across a wide variety of practice areas and industries, including financial institutions.

In 2007, Vorys was named a "Cross Practice Powerhouse Law Firm" by *Fortune* 1000 companies and a "Go-To Law Firm" for Financial Services. In addition, the firm's banking and finance attorneys have a reputation for their capabilities and in-depth knowledge of the financial industry, which is why leading institutions turn to Vorys for representation.

Since 1909 Vorys has represented financial institutions of all shapes and sizes throughout Ohio and across the country on issues ranging from mergers and acquisitions to securities law compliance. The firm also counsels financial institution clients on regulatory compliance and enforcement matters and represents them in court when litigation arises.

Over 20 Vorys lawyers devote a substantial amount of time to our financial institution clients and practice. As Administrative Partner of the firm's Corporate and Finance group, which consists of more than 60 lawyers, Jay Vorys has served over 27 years as counsel to numerous banks and thrifts in a wide array of matters, including initial public offerings, mergers and acquisitions and regulatory compliance.

"At a time when many community banks and thrifts are merging with and into larger financial institutions, we have extended our practice by serving as counsel to newly formed banks called "De Novos" in their organization, securities offerings and regulatory application processes," said Vorys. "We have represented De Novos, in Ohio, Kentucky, South Carolina and Florida. Many of the talented bankers who have been involved in the organization of De Novos are alumni of community banks which merged into larger financial institutions. They all believe passionately in the public's need for smaller community banks."

Vorys takes great pride in its financial institutions practice, but also excels across the full range of legal services, from litigation to labor and employment.



Jay Vorys

The firm has developed a culture emphasizing client service and a teamwork approach to managing client work, which is why many national corporations have enjoyed longstanding relationships with Vorys for decades.

"Our client-centric model means clients are clients belonging to the firm, rather than individual attorneys," said Vorys. "This gives our clients access to every attorney and their specific expertise, from our regulatory lawyers in Columbus, Cincinnati and Washington, to our highly skilled litigators throughout the firm."

THE VORYS IMPACT

- Named a "Cross Practice Powerhouse Law Firm," one of only 37 law firms nationally
— 2007 BTI Power Rankings
- One of only seven firms in the country recognized for Handling Problems in an Exceptional Manner by *Fortune* 1000 companies
— 2007 BTI Survey of Client Service Performance
- Recognized as a "Leading Law Firm" for Banking & Finance
— *Chambers and Partners*, 2006 and 2007
- Named a "Go-To Law Firm™" for Financial Services by general counsel at leading financial services companies
— *Corporate Counsel*, June 2007

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