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Bob has many years of experience in corporate, merger and acquisitions and securities law. He has managed the legal aspects of more than 40 merger, acquisition and divestiture transactions across a broad variety of industries. Bob's experience also includes regularly advising public company boards of directors and management on the legal issues they face, including compliance with federal securities laws, corporate governance and general business issues.

He joined the firm in 2008, after 19 years as a public company general counsel. Most recently, he was senior vice president and general counsel of Chiquita Brands International, Inc. for 11 years, with responsibility for all global legal matters. Previously, he spent 16 years with The Penn Central Corporation, the last eight as its senior vice president and general counsel. Bob began his career with nine years at the New York City law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore and worked for two years in its Paris office.

Services

- Corporate & Transactional
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Capital Markets
- Public Company Reporting, Compliance & Governance
- International Business

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law (J.D., 1970)
 - Virginia Law Review, Managing Board
- Williams College (B.A., *cum laude*, 1967)
 - With honors in History

Bar Admissions

- Ohio

- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

Affiliations/Memberships

- University of Cincinnati College of Law, past adjunct professor
- Cincinnati Opera Association
 - Trustee
 - Past board president
- Cincinnati Museum Center
 - Trustee emeritus
 - Past chairman of the board
- Cincinnati Historical Society, past president

Distinctions

- Peer Review Rated AV in *Martindale-Hubbell*
- *Best Lawyers*®
 - "Lawyer of the Year" in Cincinnati for International Mergers & Acquisitions (2019)
 - Corporate Law, International Mergers and Acquisitions (2021-2022)
- Ohio *Super Lawyers*® as a public company general counsel

Experience

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Anti-Bribery and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance

We routinely assist public companies, their subsidiaries and private companies in creating effective compliance programs. We recently concluded, on an efficient basis, providing contract provisions, re-drafting international sales and distribution contracts, creating and suggesting training power points and software modules, drafting third-party and employee periodic compliance questionnaires and certificates, advising on internal audit functions and related procedures and revamping client compliance policies. We were proud to add significant value to the client's compliance and prevention efforts.

Sale of Companies through Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization

We acted as lead counsel for the Wornick Companies ("the Companies") in the sale of the Companies to bondholders who held 85% of the publicly-traded debt securities of the Companies through a Chapter 11 Plan of

Reorganization. The value of the transaction was \$85MM. Our firm also acted as lead counsel for the debtor in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding in the Western Division of the Southern District of Ohio. The Company is a leading supplier of Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) to the armed services.

Sale of Company in Connection with Chapter 11 Restructuring

We represented Milacron Inc. as lead counsel in the sale of the company and its numerous international subsidiaries ("Milacron") to bondholders who held over 90% of the publicly-traded debt securities of Milacron through a Section 363 asset sale in connection with Milacron's Chapter 11 restructuring. The transaction value was approximately \$175MM. Our firm also represented Milacron as lead counsel in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding in the Western Division of the Southern District of Ohio. Milacron is a major solutions provider to the plastics-processing industries and a leading supplier of premium fluids to the metalworking industries.