



Reinhart Expands Its Financial Institutions Practice Group, Adding Two Prominent Industry Attorneys

MILWAUKEE – Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c. today announced that it is strengthening its Banking and Finance practice area with the addition of [James A. Sheriff](#) and [John T. Reichert](#)—two of the sector's most experienced and well-known attorneys—to its Financial Institutions Practice Group.

Sheriff and Reichert have well-established reputations and expertise in the banking industry. They join current Financial Institutions Practice Group attorneys [Robert F. Henkle, Jr.](#) and James M. Bedore to bolster a group that also includes attorneys Thomas A. Myers, [Brian G. Carroll](#), [Benjamin G. Lombard](#), [Eric P. Hagemeyer](#) and [John K. Tokarz](#).

Reinhart's Financial Institutions Practice Group counsels clients on mergers and acquisitions, capital raising, regulatory compliance, IPOs and corporate governance. The Financial Institutions Practice Group complements the firm's Commercial Lending Practice Group to deliver the region's most comprehensive range of banking and financial sector legal services.

"The expansion of Reinhart's Financial Institutions Practice Group with the addition of these two talented attorneys builds upon our strong banking practice," said Reinhart CEO [Jerome M. Janzer](#). "Banks, holding companies, thrifts and other financial service clients will be able to leverage our comprehensive expertise to accomplish their business objectives. As the banking landscape continues to change, it will be critical for these institutions to have strategic counsel that can help them navigate increasing industry complexity and a dynamic regulatory environment."

Sheriff and Reichert Provide Experienced Counsel to Financial Industry

Sheriff's legal experience spans more than three decades of representing multiple large, publicly held banks and holding companies, as well as numerous privately held community banks and thrifts. Sheriff specializes in the corporate governance of banking institutions; mergers, acquisitions and branch purchases and sales; capital formation and securities law; consumer credit; federal and state banking regulations as well as numerous other commercial and retail banking business

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concerns.

Sheriff also serves as General Counsel to the Community Bankers of Wisconsin. He previously served as Vice President and General Counsel of a commercial bank in Pennsylvania, and served as a Director of M&I Bank FSB from 2009 to 2011. Sheriff earned his J.D., with distinction, from Duke University School of Law and his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Boston University.

Reichert focuses his practice on corporate governance, capital formation, mergers and acquisitions, asset sales and purchases, regulatory and compliance matters, commercial lending transactions and general securities matters. He regularly counsels financial services companies, as well as presidents, directors and other senior banking executives. Prior to his career in law, Reichert spent eight years in varied retail banking, operations and senior management positions at area banks. A native of Milwaukee, he earned his J.D. from Marquette University Law School and his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Reichert will divide his time between the firm's Milwaukee and Waukesha, Wis., offices.

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