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Robyn Minter Smyers

Partner and Executive Committee Member

Thompson Hine

Scope of work: A partner since 2005, Robyn Minter Smyers focuses on real estate, construction and corporate law, providing innovative, cost-effective legal solutions to businesses across industries.

Biggest career win: Minter Smyers has advanced numerous community impact projects, including Public Square, the Hilton Cleveland Downtown and the West Side Market restoration.

Community or industry contributions: A longtime community advocate, Minter Smyers serves on the boards of the City Club of Cleveland and the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio.

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Tony White
Managing Partner
Thompson Hine

Scope of work: Tony White leads a 400-attorney firm while maintaining a successful trial practice in business litigation.

Biggest career win: White, a trial lawyer who has served as lead counsel in 39 states, has guided the firm through its strategic expansion to the West Coast.

Community or industry contributions: White is a member of the Big Ten Conference Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition, and he has been part of a variety of boards.