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Before joining CMHA, Jeff was in private practice with a focus on corporate and business matters, engaging clients to recognize that risk is inherent in all business activity, and questioning business assumptions to attain the best outcomes on risk/rewards. He is a graduate of Liberty University and the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, is admitted to the Ohio Bar and the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, and resides in Lakewood, Ohio with his wife, Lana.