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BIOGRAPHY FOR AJC
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Robyn is a Partner in the Real Estate, Construction and Corporate practice groups at Thompson Hine LLP, as well as a member of the firm's Executive Committee. She is the immediate past Partner-in-Charge of the firm's Cleveland office and a former Chair of the firmwide Diversity, Equity & Inclusion initiative. Robyn's legal practice focuses on helping companies find and develop new plants, headquarters, and facilities. She also has significant experience with shopping center, urban redevelopment, multifamily housing, distribution center, hospitality, and public-private partnership (P3) deals. Her forte is coordinating complex transactions, particularly multi-site, multi-state acquisitions and divestitures, ground-up developments, and sale-leaseback deals. She has been involved in many noteworthy public impact projects in Cleveland, including the redevelopment of Public Square. Robyn also advises corporations on environmental, social and governance (ESG) initiatives.

Robyn is active with many community organizations focused on civic engagement, philanthropy, education, and diversity, equity & inclusion. She's served on the board of the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio since 2009 and is the immediate past President of the City Club of Cleveland, where she has served on the board since 2010. Other current and prior commitments include The George W. Codrington Charitable Foundation, The Treu-Mart Fund, The Cleveland Foundation's African American Philanthropy Committee, The George Gund Foundation, Case Western Reserve University President's Commission on Student Success, The Links Incorporated (Western Reserve Chapter) and Museum of Contemporary Art – Cleveland.

Robyn has been recognized for her community leadership by many organizations. She was honored as the 2018 Black Professional of the Year by the Black Professionals Association Charitable Foundation and received the Richard H. Adler Community Leadership Award from the American Jewish Committee (AJC) Cleveland. She is included on numerous lists of top lawyers, including *Savoy's* Most Influential Black Lawyers list and *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. Robyn holds a B.A. from Harvard College and a J.D. from Yale Law School. She is married to Bert Smyers, and the proud mother of Thomas, Charlotte and Laurence.