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Smith Quoted in *Columbus Business First* Story on Bank M&A Activity

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Jeffery Smith, a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the corporate group, was quoted in a *Columbus Business First* story titled "Huntington/Advantage deal foreshadows quickening bank M&A pace, expert says."

The story states:

*"Huntington Bancshares Inc.'s agreement to purchase Camco Financial Corp. marks still a rare occurrence in banking these days, but don't expect that to be the case for much longer, says Jeff Smith, a partner in the corporate practice group at Vorys Sater Seymour and Pease LLP.*

*'There's a lot of conversation out there,' he said, 'a lot of dating going on.'*

*Mergers and acquisitions were virtually nonexistent in Ohio following the recession, with only 16 bank deals from 2008-12. And, though consolidation accelerated in 2012, the value of those deals dropped, according to SNL Financial LC."*

To read the entire story, visit *Columbus Business First* [website](#).