

Bernard A. Rochford
Executive Vice President of Administrative Services and Business Relations
Oriana House, Inc.

Bernie Rochford is the Executive Vice President of Oriana House, Inc., a non-profit agency that provides substance abuse treatment and community corrections programs in Summit County, Cuyahoga County, and throughout north central Ohio. Before joining the executive staff in 1987, Mr. Rochford started with the agency in 1985 as the Program Manager of the Residential Institutional Probation Program, one of the agency's halfway houses.

In his capacity as Executive Vice President, Mr. Rochford is responsible for the administrative and marketing functions of the agency. He oversees the vice presidents of administration, services, and the accounting and the admissions departments. The agency's accreditation staff also report to Mr. Rochford. He also serves as the liaison to outside criminal justice agencies, courts, businesses, media, and the community by communicating the agency's mission and objectives.

Mr. Rochford earned his Juris Doctorate from The University of Akron School of Law in 1990. He is a licensed attorney in the State of Ohio and is a member of the Akron Bar Association. He earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science/Criminal Justice from the University of Akron.

Mr. Rochford is active in numerous criminal justice organizations. He is the past president of the Ohio Corrections and Court Services Association. He served as an elected delegate to the American Corrections Association and as a member of the International Community Corrections Association, and the American Probation and Parole Association.

Mr. Rochford is involved in community service. He serves on several different committees dealing with criminal justice. He has served as Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Catholic Youth Organization and Community Services. Mr. Rochford is a graduate of Leadership Ohio (1999), Leadership Akron Class XX, he was chair of the Leadership Akron Alumni Association, and served as co-chair for the Junior Leadership Akron program. He presents regularly to Leadership Akron. He is on the Board of Directors for the Akron-Summit County Public Library and is a former board member for Project Learn of Summit County. He is the past chair of the Kent State University Rehabilitation Advisory Committee. Mr. Rochford is the past co-chair, and played an integral part in the development of, the Community Partnership Project of Summit County.

Mr. Rochford is a member of the Akron Bar Association and a Fellow of the Akron Bar Foundation. He has served on the Akron Bar Foundation Board of trustees and is currently Board Chair. He is active on the Criminal Law Committee and has presented at several CLE workshops.