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Financial Services

Practice Group Directory

Partners



Bob Haupt
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State Bar Admission(s): AK, AR, DC, GA, IA, KS, KY, MN, MO, NY, OH, OK, PA, TN

- Real estate transactions involving development, management, and franchising issues
- Represents both creditors and debtors in bankruptcy matters for clients in hospitality, real estate, and oil and gas industries among others
- Litigation experience ranges from local contractual disputes to complex litigation involving multinational corporations
- Served as counsel to many close-held businesses
- Served as first-chair attorney in nearly 20 federal and state jury trials



Brian Holland
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State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO

- Bankruptcy, creditors' rights, business reorganization and receivership litigation and transactions
- Represents secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 7, 11, 12, 13, 15 bankruptcy cases, executory contract and unexpired lease litigation and preferential transfer litigation
- SEC and FTC Receivership Enforcement actions recovering funds, both domestically and internationally, for defrauded investors
- Represent Borrowers and Lenders in securitized loan, secured loan and unsecured loan transactions



Monique Jewett-Brewster
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Practice Group Leader
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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Represents secured and unsecured creditors, including institutional lenders, commercial landlords and licensors of intellectual property in traditional chapter 11 and Subchapter V bankruptcy cases nationwide
- Litigates contested matters and adversary proceedings in bankruptcy cases, including use of cash collateral; relief from the automatic stay; assumption/assignment/rejection of executory contracts and unexpired leases; prosecution of nondischargeability complaints and proofs of claim (including calculating 502(b)(6) caps); objections to confirmation of chapter 11 and 13 plans; contested chapter 11 plan confirmations (including litigating the appropriate discount rate under Till); and bankruptcy appeals at the district court, bankruptcy appellate panel and circuit court-levels
- Serves as outside bankruptcy counsel for the City of Oakland, the third most populated city in the San Francisco Bay Area
- Workouts and restructures commercial loans secured by real estate and tangible and intangible personal property collateral (e.g., equipment, inventory and accounts receivable), including the negotiation and documentation of loan modification, forbearance, and discounted payoff agreements
- Expert in creditor rights and remedies including dispositions of collateral pursuant to Uniform Commercial Code Article 9; note and loan sales; non-judicial and judicial foreclosures; receiverships; and exercise of prejudgment remedies such as writs of attachment and writs of possession

**Bryan Minier**

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State Bar Admission(s): IL

- Bankruptcy, creditors' rights, business reorganization and receivership litigation and transactions
- State and federal receiverships, representing either the party seeking the appointment of a receiver or the court appointed receiver
- Commercial real estate foreclosure actions
- Represents secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 7 and 11 bankruptcy cases, executory contract and unexpired lease litigation and preferential transfer litigation
- Complex commercial litigation, including loan enforcement litigation (primarily breach of note and guaranty actions)
- Distressed asset and business sales and acquisitions, including through Article 9 UCC sales and 363 sales.
- Loan document purchases and sales
- Clients include secured lenders, trustees, receivers, special servicers, unsecured creditors, official creditor and equity committees, commercial landlords, sellers, purchasers, shareholders, investors, and financially troubled entities

**Liam O'Connor**

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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Commercial loan workouts, including forbearance and loan modification agreements
- Commercial Code Article 9 enforcement
- Commercial debt collection
- Litigation on behalf of financial institutions and other businesses, including pre-judgment enforcement remedies such as writs of attachment and appointment of receiver
- Real estate litigation
- Enforcement of judgments
- Creditor-side bankruptcy

**Lori Lea Shelley**

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State Bar Admission(s): MO

- Represents government entities (cities, counties, municipalities and school districts) in public finance matters, including general obligations, refundings, lease purchases and district tax levy issues, serving as bond counsel, issuers counsel, and underwriter/placement agent counsel
- Represents individuals and business owners, advising clients on estates and trusts, probate, corporate and transactional matters

**Ben Struby**

Kansas City

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State Bar Admission(s): KS, KY, MO

- Bankruptcy, restructuring and creditors' rights
- State and Federal Receiverships
- Title insurance claims, breach of contract, suit on note, collection, tax sales, lien priority, condemnation/eminent domain, residential and commercial evictions and commercial real estate purchases matters
- Represents creditors in Chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 Bankruptcy proceedings,
- Represents clients with sales and rental managements of foreclosed properties
- Defends clients in bankruptcy preference adversaries and other claw back claims

Counsel



Steve Dexter

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State Bar Admission(s): CO, KS, MI, MO

- Business reorganizations, Bankruptcies, State and Federal receiverships
- Represents secured and unsecured creditors in complex bankruptcy cases, including executory contracts, unexpired leases, preference claims, and Section 363 sales
- Advises entities and individuals on various pre-bankruptcy planning issues
- Represents parties in commercial litigation matters involving loan enforcement, commercial foreclosures, construction claims, and claims under the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act
- Loan documentation and legal opinions in connection with commercial loan transactions

Associates



Rhett Buchmiller

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State Bar Admission(s): MO

- Represents creditors in commercial and consumer bankruptcy matters
- Represents clients in all stages of commercial litigation, including trial and appellate levels
- Clients include debtors, financial institutions, corporate creditors, small business owners, receivers, insurance carriers, and purchasers of assets in Chapter 11 cases.
- Commercial lending, judgment collections, and community banking matters



Erika Mortensen

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State Bar Admission(s): MN

- Compliance of Bankruptcy Code and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure
- Represents creditors in commercial and consumer bankruptcy matters
- Bankruptcy, restructuring, and creditors' rights
- Judgment collections, commercial lending, and bankruptcy litigation



Dan Remington

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State Bar Admission(s): MN

- Creditors' rights and receivership litigation.
- Represents lenders in drafting and negotiating loan transactions, provides advice regarding collateralization.
- Represents trustees, receivers, financial institutions, and corporate creditors in Chapter 7 and 11 cases.
- Forbearance agreements and related workout transactions.



James Schmidt, Jr.

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State Bar Admission(s): IA, KS, MO, NE

- Creditor enforcement and collection remedies
- Bankruptcy and creditors' rights cases
- Bankruptcy and related commercial litigation
- Restructurings both in-court and out-of-court



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State Bar Admission(s): MO

- Represents investors, real estate developers, lenders, brokerage firms, debtors, trustees, corporate creditors, and creditor's committees.
- Tax Credit Finance
- Bankruptcy litigation and commercial lending

Senior Counsel



Stephen Kottmeier
San Jose
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State Bar Admission(s): CA

- Business litigator with over forty years of experience
- Secured and unsecured creditor representation for out of court resolutions and for state, federal and bankruptcy court enforcement actions
- Recognized for Commercial Litigation in 2025 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®



Steve Sutton
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State Bar Admission(s): CA, MO

- Represents clients in the engineering, automotive, and construction industries among others
- Bankruptcy and creditors' rights cases
- Construction and commercial litigation

Staff Attorney



Andrew Clark
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State Bar Admission(s): KS, MO

- Banking and creditors' rights litigation
- Advises clients on technical insurance and investment issues

Paralegal



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- Bankruptcy
- Appellate
- Preparing and filing pleadings, conducting legal research, and managing client relationships