

**PRACTICE FOCUS**

- > Business Restructuring
- > Healthcare Insolvency
- > Debtor and Creditors' Rights
- > Distressed M&A

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS/ TRANSACTIONS

- In re Flower Factory, Inc., et al. (Creditors' Committee)
- In re Kiebler Slippery Rock, et al. (Creditor)
- In re Bucyrus Community Hospital, et al. (Purchaser of Debtors' Assets)
- In re Mount Vernon Money Management Corp, et al. (Creditor and Committee Member)
- In re PPM Technologies Holdings, Inc., et al. (Creditor and Committee Member)
- In re Industrial Transport, et al. (district court Receiver)
- In re Bucyrus Community Hospital, et al. (Creditor and Purchaser)
- In re AmTrust Financial Corporation, et al. (Buyer of assets from FDIC)
- In re B&C Machine Co., LLC (Creditors' Committee)
- In re Extended Family Concepts Inc. (DIP Lender and lender in receivership)
- In re Chardon Rubber Company (Debtor-in-Possession)
- In re Micro-Heat, Inc. (Creditors' Committee)
- In re Norwalk Furniture Corporation (Trust Mortgage Trustee and Debtor's counsel)
- In re BHM Technologies Holdings, Inc., et al. (Secured and unsecured creditors)
- In re Tarpon Industries, Inc., et al. (Creditors' Committee and Liquidation Trust)
- In re Johnson Rubber Company, Inc. (DIP Lender)
- In re Blackhawk Automotive Plastics, Inc., et al. (DIP Lender)
- In re Ideal Electric Company (Creditors' Committee)
- In re ProCare Automotive Service Solutions, LLC (Creditors' Committee)
- In re Delphi Corporation, et al. (multiple suppliers and preference defendants)
- In re Chrysler LLC, et al. (multiple suppliers)
- In re Trim Trends Co., LLC, et al. (Creditors' Committee and Liquidation Trust)
- In re Amcast Industrial Corporation, et al. (Creditors' Committee and Liquidation Trust)
- In re Huff Corporation, et al. (Creditors' Committee and Liquidation Trust)
- In re Tri-Cast, Inc. (Creditors' Committee)
- In re Imperial Home Decor Group, Inc., et al. (Debtors-in-Possession)
- In re James River Coal, et al. (Creditors' Committee and Liquidation Trust)
- In re Allegheny Health, Education and Research Foundation, et al. (Debtors-in-Possession)
- In re A.E.M.M. (Chapter 11 Trustee)
- In re Air Nail, Inc. (Creditors' Committee and Liquidation Trust)
- In re Cincinnati Cordage Paper Company (DIP Lender)
- In re Spinnaker Industries, et al. (Creditors' Committee and Liquidation Trust)
- In re Republic Technologies, Inc., et al. (DIP Lender)
- In re InaCom Corp., et al. (Special Litigation Counsel to Debtors)
- In re Nationsrent, et al. (Secured Creditors and Lessors)
- In re Victoria Alloys, Inc. (Debtor-in-Possession)
- In re Pittsburgh-Canfield Corp., et al. (Wheeling Pitt) (Noteholders' Committee)
- In re Cold Metal Products, et al. (Creditors' Committee)
- Reorganization and refinancing of major hotel franchises
- Liquidation of aluminum extruder and remelt furnace; paid all unsecured creditors in full
- Liquidation and sale of multiple retail automotive dealerships located throughout Northern Ohio

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PRESENTATIONS

- Moderator, “Giving Birth to a Health Care Restructuring - The C-section of Labor (Law) and Insolvency,” American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Boston, MA, April 16, 2011
- Speaker, “Health Care Reform and the Cost of Electronic Health Records,” American Bar Association Business Law Section, Boston, MA, April 15, 2011
- Speaker, “Negotiating Bankruptcies, Workouts, and Turnarounds,” Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section and the Turnaround Management Association, Cleveland, OH, November 10, 2010
- Speaker, “The Creditors’ Rights Food Chain,” National Aluminum Credit Managers, Cleveland, OH, July 13, 2010
- Speaker, “Gunslinger, Diplomat, Savior or Something Else? Committee’s Role in Today’s Chapter 11,” American Bankruptcy Institute 17th Annual Central States Bankruptcy Workshop, Traverse City, MI, June 18-19, 2010
- Speaker, “Navigating Risk in a Changing Economy,” Crain’s Breakfast Series, Cleveland, OH, May 19, 2010
- Speaker, “Panel Discussion of FDIC Takeovers,” Turnaround Management Association, Cleveland, OH, April 28, 2010
- Program Chair, “Legislative Attempts to Heal an Ailing Healthcare System - Take Two Aspirin and Call Us in 2011,” American Bankruptcy Association, Business Section, Denver, CO, April 24, 2010
- Speaker, Business Restructuring & Bankruptcy Seminar, Cleveland, OH, January 28, 2010
- Speaker, “Executive Compensation and Employee Benefit Considerations for Companies in Bankruptcy,” 2009 Cleveland Tax Institute, Cleveland, OH, November 5, 2009
- Moderator, “Healthcare Restructuring Out of Court: Can the Patient Survive Without the Bitter Pill of Bankruptcy?” 2009 Health Care Triage, Loyola University, Chicago Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy and American Bankruptcy Institute, Chicago, IL, June 26 2009
- Speaker, “Restructuring Healthcare Facilities Despite Medical Malpractice Liability,” 2008 National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, Scottsdale, AZ, September 2008
- Speaker, “Developments in the World of ‘Loan to Own,’” American Bankruptcy Institute, Central States Regional Conference, Traverse City, MI, June 2008
- Speaker, “Motor Madness: Auto Industry Bankruptcies,” Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, 2008 William J. O’Neill Bankruptcy Institute, Cleveland, OH, May 2008
- Speaker, “ALMOST Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Evidence,” American Bar Association, Business Bankruptcy Committee, Orlando, FL, October 2007
- Speaker, “How to Find the Top of the Creditors’ Rights Food Chain and Maximize Recovery,” Lorain County Manufacturing Council, Lorain, OH, September 2007
- Speaker, “The New Bermuda Triangle: The Intersection of Tax, Bankruptcy, and Employment Law,” Cleveland Bar Association’s Northern Ohio Labor & Employment Law Conference, Cleveland, OH, May 2006
- Speaker, “Environmental Claims in Bankruptcy,” Cleveland Bar Association’s Environmental Law Section Meeting, Cleveland, OH, November 2005
- Speaker, American Bankruptcy Association’s Business Law Section Annual Working Group Meeting on Healthcare-Related and Not-for-Profit Bankruptcy Issues, San Antonio, TX, November 2005
- Speaker, “Bankruptcy Basics and the Revisions to the Bankruptcy Code,” Flat Rolled Steel Credit Group Educational Meeting, Cleveland, OH, August 2005
- Speaker, “Bankruptcy Reform, Are You Ready For It?,” Cleveland Bar Association, Cleveland, OH, July 2005
- Speaker, “Preference Basics and Professionals as Defendants,” American Bankruptcy Institute, Central States Workshop, Traverse City, MI, June 2004
- Speaker, “The Treatment of Environmental Claims in Bankruptcy Proceedings,” 19th Annual Ohio Environmental Law Seminar, Oregon, OH, April 2004
- Co-Chair, 2003 Chapter 11 Basics Bankruptcy Program, Cleveland Bar Association, Cleveland, OH, September 2003
- Speaker, “A Primer on Preferences,” 2003 White Williams Bankruptcy Institute, Canton, OH 2003
- Moderator, “Sex and Fraud in the City,” American Bar Association Business Bankruptcy Committee Meeting, Chicago, IL, October 2003
- Co-Chair, 2001 William J. O’Neill Bankruptcy Institute, Cleveland, OH
- Moderator, Selling a Not for Profit Hospital in Bankruptcy: “Not So Fast!” Say the Attorneys General, Orlando, FL, October 2001
- Moderator, Health Care Financing and Insolvency Roundtable, Ohio State Bar Association Banking, Commercial and Bankruptcy Law Committee, Columbus, OH, September 2000
- Speaker, “The Ongoing Struggles in the Health Care Industry: Hospitals and HMOs,” American Bankruptcy Institute Annual Spring Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 2000

PUBLICATIONS

- Article, “*Hospital Acquisitions after Healthcare Reform: New Considerations for a New Landscape*,” American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, Vol. XXIX, No. 9 (2010)
Journal, May/June 2009
- Article, “*Avoiding Financial Distress, Eight Easy Steps to Preserve Value and Avoid Insolvency in the Down Economy*,” ABF Journal, May/June 2009
- Article, “*How Can the Patient Care Ombudsman Ensure Appropriate Compensation?*,” American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, Vol. XXVII, No. 8 (2008)
- Article, “*Considerations for Nonprofit Health Care Facility Directors and Officers Before Filing*,” American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, Vol. XXVI, No. 10 (2008)
- Article, “*Developments in the World of Loan to Own*,” ABF Journal (2009), ABA e-newsletter, Mondaq, September 2008
- Article, “*Know Your Mold*,” Cleveland Bar Journal (2008); IWIRC Newsletter; Mondaq; ACCA Newsletter, Fall (2008)
- Article, *Section 365(d)(10) and the Treatment of Personal Property Leases in Bankruptcy -- Rent Free?* Wiley Bankruptcy Law Update (2001)
- Case Note, *Rodriguez de Quijas v. Shearson/ American Express, Inc.: Enforceability of Predispute Arbitration Clauses in Brokerage Firm Contracts*; 5 OHIO ST. J. ON DIS. RES. 159 (1989)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bankruptcy Institute, member; Co-Chair of the Unsecured Trade Creditors’ Committee (2007-2010)
- American Bankruptcy Institute Editorial Board of ABI Journal; *Intensive Care* column (Contributing Editor)
- International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), member
- Northeast Ohio IWIRC Network, founder and President, (2000-2004); Steering Committee member (2004 - 2008)
- American Bar Association, member, Business Law Section and Co-Chair, Healthcare and Nonprofits in Bankruptcy Sub-Committee (2005-present)
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, member (Chair, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section 2008-09)
- American Inns of Court, Pittsburgh, PA Chapter (1995)
- In-Counsel with Women, charter member
- Turnaround Management Association, member

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Cleveland Zoological Society (Trustee, 2001-2010)
- American Heart Association (Trustee, Chair of the 2008 and 2009 Heart Ball Corporate Campaign Committees)
- Cuyahoga County Bar Association, Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project (Volunteer, 2003-2005)
- Greater Cleveland Sports Commission (2007 NCAA Women’s Final Four Local Planning Committee Member)
- Chareton Theater Board (Trustee, 2000-2004)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- AV Peer Review rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Named a “Leading Lawyer in Ohio,” *Chambers USA* (2005-2010); Band One Rated
- Named one of the “Best Lawyers in America,” *The Best Lawyers in America* (2007 - 2011)
- Named “Ohio Super Lawyer,” *Cincinnati Magazine* (2003-2011)
- Named one of the top 50 women lawyers in Ohio by *Cincinnati Magazine and Northern Ohio Live* (2007, 2008)
- Named a “Leading Lawyer,” *Inside Business Magazine* (2006-2011)
- Named a “Super Lawyer,” *Corporate Counsel Edition* (2009)
- “Outstanding Young Bankruptcy Attorney,” *Turnarounds and Workouts* (2003)