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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation  
Business  
Finance Law  
Nonprofit & Foundation  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy



I engage in a diverse Commercial and Corporate Law practice. I represent banks, businesses, debtors and creditors in all phases of commercial litigation, bankruptcy and collection matters, along with contract and acquisition opportunities, ventures, product and brand development.

I have experience handling large and small Chapter 11 cases on behalf of Secured Lenders, Debtors, the Creditors' Committee and the Trustee. I have represented numerous large and small companies in issues ranging from start-up through dissolution, employment law issues, collection, real estate litigation, real estate acquisition, commercial lease documentation, mergers and acquisitions, and shareholder disputes. I have experience handling commercial and residential foreclosures and has negotiated and prepared documents for corporate mergers and acquisitions, real estate transactions, wind down, forbearance agreements, condominium documents, commercial leases, non-profit 501 (c)(3) documents, employment agreements, shareholder agreements, buy-sell agreements, and close corporation agreements.

In addition to bankruptcy and corporate law experience, I have a niche practice in Entertainment Law. I am a member of IR Global's international professional network, which allows me to better serve my clients in cases with a national or international nexus by drawing on expertise from jurisdictions around the world.

## EXPERIENCE

- Joined Buckingham as a Partner in 2021
- Former Managing Partner at Niekamp, Weisensell, Mutersbaugh & Mastrantonio, LLP

Representative matters:

- *Blue Jay Communications, Inc., U.S. Bankruptcy Court*, Case No. 21-31915 (Blue Jay Communications, Inc. et al v. Ibox Funding Group, LLC et al, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Adv. Proc. Case No. 22-03055). Represented The Huntington National Bank as secured Creditor in the Sub-Chapter V Chapter 11 Bankruptcy case and advocated for and successfully sought appointment as Sub-Chapter V Trustee to operate the Business after post confirmation default of Chapter 11 Plan.
- The Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors of: Patriot Converting, LLC, Tenth Judicial District, State of Minnesota, County of Sherburne, Case No. 71-CV-23-361 - Minnesota Assignment for Benefit of Creditors. Represented secured lender in sale of business.
- *UGO (US), LLC v. UGO (US), LLC*, Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. CV-2023-06-1878. Represented Debtor. Ohio Dissolution and appointment of State Court Receiver to manage voluntary liquidation and sale of assets.
- *The Huntington National Bank v. Fourteen-Eight LLC, et al.*, Stark County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 2022-CV-00830. Represented secured lender and advocated for appointment of State Court Receiver to sell retail outlets.

## EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Case Western Reserve University School of Law (J.D., 1990)

University of Western Ontario School of Law (Exchange program)

Miami University (B.S., Business Administration, 1987)

### Admissions

Ohio

Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

## AWARDS & HONORS

Selected for inclusion in Ohio's Super Lawyers® (2016-2023), as voted on by peers

## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Akron Area YMCA, Board of Trustees

Akron Art Museum, Board of Trustees

American Bankruptcy Institute, Committee Contributing Member of Preference

Payment Defense Analysis  
Turnaround Management Association  
Leadership Akron Class 39

**Past Affiliations**

American Bankruptcy Institute  
Former member Unsecured Trade Creditor  
Akron Community Foundation, Akron Civic Theater, Former Secretary  
Kohl Family Downtown Akron YMCA, President, Board of Advisors (2020-2021)

**Associations**

American Bar Association  
Corporate Law Section  
Ohio State Bar Association  
Corporation Law Committee  
Real Estate Law Committee  
Akron Bar Association  
Real Property & Law Committee  
Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section  
Business & Corporate Law Section, Former Chair (1994)  
Treasurer (2019-2021)