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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

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 and Pennsylvania

United States District Courts in Ohio

United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

AWARDS & HONORS

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

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

American Bankruptcy Institute

Member Unsecured Trade Creditor

Committee Contributing Member of Preference Payment Defense Analysis

Commercial Law League of America

Akron Community Foundation – Akron Civic Theater Former Secretary

Kohl Family Downtown Akron YMCA – President Board of Advisors 2020-2021

Turnaround Management Association

Member, Leadership Akron Class 39

Associations

American Bar Association

Corporate Law Section

Ohio State Bar Association

Corporation Law Committee

Real Estate Law Committee

Akron Bar Association

Former Chair, Business & Corporate Law Section, 1994

Treasurer 2019-2021

Real Property & Law Committee

Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section