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AREAS OF PRACTICE  
Litigation  
Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy



As a creditors' rights and bankruptcy attorney, my practice focuses on representing businesses and entrepreneurs who are involved in commercial and credit disputes. In addition to helping purchasers of troubled companies, I assist debtors, creditors, trustees and receivers with bankruptcy and litigation disputes in federal and state courts.

Due to the insight I have gained from representing both debtors and creditors, I am often able to predict how the various players involved in a financial crisis might react, and the courses of action they might pursue. This experience and knowledge helps me to assist my clients through even the most complex financial issues. However, I encourage clients to consult with me at the first hint of a financial crisis or credit problem so as to avoid a protracted dispute.

Whether maximizing the recovery for creditors, or minimizing the pain for debtors, my goal is at all times to get the best result for my clients.



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## EXPERIENCE

- Represents debtors, creditors, trustees and committees in cases under Chapters 7, 11, 12 and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code, as well as in non-bankruptcy arena
- Represents financial institutions and other parties in complex litigation
- Joined the firm as an associate attorney in 1985; elected as partner in 1990
- Served as president and CEO of the firm (2008-2009)
- Served as managing partner of the firm's Akron office (2004-2008)
- Vice president of the firm's board of managers (1997-2003; 2004 -2006)
- Past co-chair of the Litigation Practice Group
- Past vice president and treasurer of the law firm's board of managers
- Prior to joining Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC, Mr. Keating served as law clerk to the Honorable Harold F. White, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Northern District of Ohio

## EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

The University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio (J.D., magna cum laude, 1983)

Kent State University, Kent, Ohio (B.A., magna cum laude, 1978)

### Admissions

Ohio Bar

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

## AWARDS & HONORS

Listed in Best Lawyers in America® (1997-2020)

Named Best Lawyers in America® 'Lawyer of the Year' in the Akron area for Bankruptcy Litigation (2015)

Received special recognition for being listed as a Best Lawyers in America® for 15 consecutive years

Named Best Lawyers in America® 'Lawyer of the Year' in the Akron area for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2014)



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Named Best Lawyers in America® 'Lawyer of the Year' in the Akron area for Creditor Debtor Rights (2011)

Selected for inclusion in Ohio's Super Lawyers® (2004-2006 and 2009-2017), as voted by his peers  
Recognized in Super Lawyers Business Edition® for Creditor Debtor Rights (2014)

Recognized in Super Lawyers Business Edition® for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights (2011)

Recognized in Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel® for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights (2009,2010)

Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating of AV® Preeminent™, which is the highest possible rating in both legal and ethical standards as established by confidential opinions from members of the Bar

## **PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

Board of Directors: Fairlawn Area Chamber of Commerce

Chair: Circle of Excellence, Fairlawn Area Chamber of Commerce

Board Member: American Red Cross, Summit County

Advisory Board Member: Kent State University, College of Arts and Sciences

Deacon: Hudson Community Chapel

### **Past Affiliations**

Board Member: Central States Bankruptcy Workshop

### **Associations**

Member: Akron Bar Association, Commercial and Bankruptcy Law Section

Member: American Bankruptcy Institute

Member: Ohio State Bar Association, Litigation, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Sections

Member: National Lawyers Association



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