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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.

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 (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1983)
Kent State University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1978)

Admissions

Ohio
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

AWARDS & HONORS

Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America®* (1997-2025)
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)
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 2009-2024), 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

University of Akron School of Law Advancement Council
Akron Roundtable, Board of Directors
Kent State University, College of Arts and Sciences, Advisory Board Member

Past Affiliations

Central States Bankruptcy Workshop, Board Member
Fairlawn Area Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
Fairlawn Area Chamber of Commerce, Circle of Excellence, Chair
American Red Cross, Summit County, Board Member
Hudson Community Chapel, Deacon

Associations

Akron Bar Association
    Commercial and Bankruptcy Law Section
American Bankruptcy Institute
Ohio State Bar Association
    Litigation, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Sections
National Lawyers Association