



Michael P. Shuster

Mike represents creditors and debtors in connection with bankruptcy and commercial law matters including business reorganizations, foreclosures, workouts, restructurings and secured transactions. He also maintains a general corporate and transactional practice and helps clients make sound strategic decisions with the benefit of clear, concise legal counsel. Above all, Mike works with his clients to find effective and efficient resolutions to the issues at hand.

Representative Chapter 11 bankruptcy representations include: *In re MF Global Inc.* (SIPA case, Bankr. S.D.N.Y., Commodity Futures Claimant); *In re Filene's Basement, LLC* (Bankr. D. Del., Clothing Supplier); *In re M.E. Supply, Inc.* (Bankr. N.D. Ohio, Secured Lender); *In re Felda Plantation, LLC* (Bankr. M.D. Fla., Debtor); *In re A123 Systems, Inc.* (Bankr. D. Del., Parts Supplier); *In re McBran Holdings, Inc.* (Bankr. M.D. Fla., Secured Lender); *In re Schwab Industries, Inc.* (Asset Purchaser/Joint Venture Partner); *In re Chrysler, LLC* (Bankr. D. Del., Parts Supplier); and *In re General Motors Corp.* (Bankr. D. Del., Parts Supplier).

In particular, he assists financial institutions, asset-based lenders, loan servicers, vendors, suppliers and other creditor or debtor interests in connection with loan workout transactions and bankruptcy matters, and he represents lenders, borrowers and loan servicers in connection with receiverships and foreclosure matters.

Mike analyzes corporate transactions to assess the ability to withstand the rigors of bankruptcy and represents acquirers of financially distressed businesses in connection with, or apart from, bankruptcy proceedings and receiverships. Additionally, he represents the interests of landlords and equipment lessors in collecting delinquent obligations and recovering assets.

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Moritz
College of Law, J.D., with *honors*,
1992

University of Notre Dame, B.B.A., with
honors, 1989

SERVICES

Bankruptcy, Workout & Creditors' Rights

- Reorganizations and workouts
- Commercial foreclosures/receiverships
- Bankruptcy
- Creditors' rights
- Special servicers
- Distressed assets
- Bankruptcy litigation
- Collateral strategies
- Provisional remedies

Banking & Finance

- UCC and other commercial transactions
- Commercial lending
- Energy financing, equipment leasing and financing



Mike also represents various privately held businesses and high net worth individuals in connection with major acquisitions and dispositions and provides advice regarding complex business transactions, contract negotiations and dispute resolution. He represents developers and other parties in connection with the purchase and sale of real estate interests and provides advice regarding the recovery and disposition of collateral in compliance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Mike also represents lenders and borrowers in the negotiation and documentation of commercial loans involving real estate and other forms of collateral. Additionally, Mike provides representation on tax-exempt and taxable bond transactions, and represents borrowers in connection with public finance matters. Mike is also a speaker at numerous seminars and gives client presentations on corporate, bankruptcy, distressed real estate and Uniform Commercial Code matters.

Bar Admissions

Florida

Ohio

Indiana

New York

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Honors | Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Real Estate Law
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, Creditor Debtor Rights: Business
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Rated

Community

- Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association
- Christian Legal Services

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

- Public finance, bond issuance and economic development
- Troubled borrower financing
- Asset-based lending

Real Estate

- Foreclosures, receiverships and workouts
- Purchase and sale transactions
- Mortgage loans and other financing

Litigation

Business Growth & Operation

- Business transactions
- Organization, planning and financing

Financial Institutions

- Secured lending, negotiable instruments and other Uniform Commercial Code matters

CERTIFICATIONS

- Business Bankruptcy Law - American Board of Certification, Board Certified, 2003
- Certified Public Accountant (inactive), Ohio, 1996

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Collier County Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute