



# James P. Botti

Jim, chair of the firm's Bankruptcy and Reorganization Practice Group, has spent his entire career representing lenders in negotiating and documenting complex commercial loan transactions and in handling troubled loan or "workout" situations both inside and outside of bankruptcy. He also represents special servicers of CMBS (commercial mortgage backed securities) loans when those large commercial real estate loans go into default, as well as many commercial lenders in collecting money owed to them by borrowers. In addition, Jim represents borrowers in negotiating complex commercial loan transactions and assisting them in troubled loan or workout situations.

Jim is named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and has been named a *Best Lawyers*® "Lawyer of the Year" for 2011 and 2017 in the area of Banking and Finance, and 2016 and 2018 in the area of Equipment Finance. He is recognized by *Chambers USA* as one of the leading lawyers in Ohio in the area of Bankruptcy/Restructuring and by *Ohio Super Lawyers*® in the area of Creditor/Debtor Rights.

## Bar Admissions

Ohio

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

## Presentations

- "Dealing with Distressed Commercial Real Estate," Ohio State Bar Association, August 2014
- "Receiverships as an Alternative to Chapter 11," Columbus Bar Association, May 10, 2012
- "Negotiating Security Agreements," Ohio Bar Association, August 2010-2014
- "Dealing with Distressed Commercial Real Estate," Ohio Bar Association, August 2010-2014

## Honors | Awards

- *Best Lawyers*®, Columbus, Ohio Equipment and Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year," 2016, 2018
- *Best Lawyers*®, Columbus, Ohio Banking and Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year," 2011, 2017

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Blogs

[bankingandfinancelawreport.com](http://bankingandfinancelawreport.com)

## EDUCATION

The Ohio State University College of Law, J.D., *with honors*, 1982

The Ohio State University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1979

## SERVICES

### Bankruptcy, Workout & Creditors' Rights

- Bankruptcy
- Bankruptcy litigation
- Collateral strategies
- Commercial foreclosures/receiverships
- Creditors' rights
- Customers and suppliers
- Debtor-creditor litigation
- Distressed assets
- Reorganizations and workouts
- Special servicers

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- *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, Banking and Finance Law; Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>, Creditor Debtor Rights: Business
- *Chambers USA*, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Ohio

## Community

- Wedgewood Golf & Country Club, Board of Directors 2012-Present (President, 2014-2017)
- Indian Run United Methodist Church, Staff Parish Relations (2013-2016)
- Youth baseball and basketball coach, Upper Arlington Parks and Recreation, St. Andrew Catholic School, Dublin Youth Athletics and Big League Baseball School, (1983-87;1992-2007)

## SERVICES (CONTINUED)

### Banking & Finance

- Commercial lending
- Asset-based lending
- Mezzanine, subordinate and other alternative financing
- UCC and other commercial transactions
- Energy financing, equipment leasing and financing
- Health care finance

### Real Estate

- Mortgage loans and other financing
- Foreclosures, receiverships and workouts

### Financial Institutions

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

### Litigation

- Financial services litigation

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Columbus Bar Association, Professional *Ethics Committee*, 2002-2009, Vice Chair 2005-2007; Chair 2007-2009; *Bankruptcy and Professionalism Committees*, Board of Governors, 1997-2001; *Ad Hoc Committee studying Interim Report of Ohio Courts Futures Commission*, Chair, 1999; *Law School Liaison Committee*, Chair, 1994-1996
- Columbus Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Ohio State Bar Association, *Secured Transactions Subcommittee of Banking, Commercial and Bankruptcy Law Committee*, Chair, 1991-1994; Ohio Supreme Court, *Joint Commission on the Education of Lawyers*, 1995-1996