



Michael P. Shuster

partner

Mike represents creditors and debtors in connection with bankruptcy and commercial law matters including business reorganizations, foreclosures, workouts, restructurings, asset dispositions, 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.

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.

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

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University 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

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.

Representative Chapter 11 bankruptcy representations include:

- *In re Liberty Power Holdings, LLC* (Bankr. S.D. Fla., Asset Purchaser)
- *In re Western Reserve Water Systems, Inc.* (Bankr. N.D. Ohio, Secured Lender)
- *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.* (Bankr. N.D. Ohio, Asset Purchaser/Joint Venture Partner)
- *In re Chrysler, LLC* (Bankr. N.D. Ohio, Del., Parts Supplier)
- *In re General Motors Corp.* (Bankr. D. Del., Parts Supplier)

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

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Collier County Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute

CERTIFICATIONS

- Prior Business Bankruptcy Law Certification
- Certified Public Accountant (inactive), Ohio, 1996

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Banking & Finance

- Asset-based lending
- UCC and other commercial transactions
- Commercial lending
- Equipment leasing and financing
- Public finance, bond issuance and economic development
- Troubled borrower financing

Real Estate

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

Litigation

- Financial services litigation

Business Growth & Operation

- Business transactions
- Organization, planning and financing

Financial Institutions

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

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- Ohio Super Lawyers
- Martindale-Hubbell[®], AV Preeminent

COMMUNITY

- Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association
- Christian Legal Services