

Reuel D. Ash

Partner



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Practices/Industries

- Corporate Restructuring & Creditors' Rights
- Foreclosures, Receiverships & Distressed Property
- Bankruptcy & Insolvency Litigation

Education

Stanford University
(A.B., Music, 1979)
California State Scholar;
Music Guild Scholar;
Humanities Honors Program
Eastman School of Music
(M.M., Performance and
Literature, 1981)
Teaching Fellowship
University of Cincinnati
College of Law
(J.D., 1991)
*Law Review, Contributing
Editor*; George C. Katsanis
Scholar

Overview

Reuel focuses his practice in the areas of bankruptcy, insolvency, creditors' rights, out-of-court workouts, receiverships, and commercial litigation. Reuel represents individuals and corporate debtors, creditors' committees, and secured creditors in Chapter 11 reorganizations and liquidations, and has represented various parties in bankruptcy cases, receiverships, and other insolvency proceedings in federal and state courts throughout the region. His litigation experience includes dischargeability litigation and other bankruptcy adversary actions, as well as commercial and consumer-based matters on behalf of financial institutions. Since 2006, Reuel has annually been named a *Cincy Magazine* "Leading Lawyer" and has achieved the highest ranking, AV Preeminent[®], from Martindale-Hubbell[®]. Reuel has also been named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list since 2012. He began his career by serving as Chief Bankruptcy Judge Burton Perlman's law clerk from 1991-1993.

Experience

- Represented individual and corporate debtors, creditors' committees, and secured creditors in Chapter 11 Reorganizations and Liquidations in real estate, retail, construction, manufacturing, restaurant, and telecommunications industries.
- Represented sellers and purchasers in sales and purchases of assets from bankruptcy estates.
- Represented debtors and lenders in composition agreements and non-bankruptcy workouts.
- Defended individuals and companies in numerous preference, fraudulent transfer actions, and other adversary proceedings and litigation matters brought in bankruptcy courts and state courts throughout the nation.
- Represented high net worth individuals in high-dollar deferred compensation matters in Chapter 11 cases.
- Represented a municipality in single-asset Chapter 11 cases involving numerous real estate projects.
- Former Law Clerk to Burton Perlman, Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Ohio.

Presentations

- "Bankruptcy Traps for Unwary," Commercial Law League of America webinar series (January 2018)
- "Ohio Legislative Updates," Moderator, Ohio State Bar Association Banking Law Institute (November 2017)
- "Loan Workouts - Lessons Learned and Best Practices," The Risk Management Association - Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter Luncheon Event and Seminar (November 2017)

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Presentations (Cont)

- “Hill Day,” Legislative lobbying experience in pursuit of modifications to the Bankruptcy Code, Commercial Law League of America Spring Conference, Panelist (April 2017)
- “Traps for the Unwary: Bankruptcy Malpractice,” Commercial Law League of America Fall Conference, Panelist (November 2016)
- “Bankruptcy 101 for Bankers,” The Risk Management Association – Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter Luncheon Event and Seminar (May 2015)
- “Special Topics in Consumer Bankruptcy,” Ohio State Bar Association (February 2014)
- “Landlord-Tenant Law Surviving in a Difficult Economy,” Sterling Education Services, Inc. (April 2012)
- Frequent speaker at Ohio and Cincinnati Bar Association seminars on bankruptcy law and related topics.

Publications

- “Reclamation Claims in Bankruptcy: Illusory or Meaningful???” Commercial Law World Magazine - Bankruptcy Edition (July/August/September 2020)
- “Which Interest Rate Should Apply in a Chapter 11 Cramdown?” Commercial Law World Magazine - Bankruptcy Edition (January/February/March 2018)
- “Rejected Intellectual Property Licenses,” Commercial Bankruptcy Litigation, 2013-2017 ed., *West Publications*.
- “Strategic Alternatives for Distressed Businesses,” 2012-2017 ed., *West Publications State of Ohio Practice Guide*
- “Appellate Court Upholds Expanded Powers of Receiver Where Borrower Waives Rights in Loan Documents,” Ulmer & Berne LLP, *Client Alert* (May 2013)
- “Fraudulent Transfer Litigation – the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Deals a Blow to Lenders,” ACC *Lexology* (June 2012)
- “Practical Pointers for Enforcing Cognovit Judgments,” Ulmer & Berne LLP, *Financial Law Resource* (Summer 2007)

Involvement

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association (*Member; Banking, Commercial and Bankruptcy Law Committee; Chair of Financial Institutions Subcommittee, 2007-present*)
- Cincinnati Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Commercial Law League of America (*Chair, Legislative Committee, 2017-present; Executive Council, Bankruptcy Section, 2014-2017*)
- Tri-State Association for Corporate Renewal (TACR)

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Involvement (Cont)

Professional Affiliations (Cont)

- Risk Management Association, Greater Cincinnati Chapter (*Board Member*)
- Cincinnati Chamber Music Society (*Board of Directors, Director of Programming, 2002-2005; 2007-2013*)

Community Involvement

- Cincinnati Foundation for Biomedical Research and Education (*Board of Directors, 2013-present*)

Honors & Distinctions

- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated – Martindale-Hubbell
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list (2012-2022)
- Named a Cincy Leading Lawyer in Banking in a survey of lawyers by *Cincy* magazine (2007-2021)
- Listed in *Cincinnati Business Courier* “Who’s Who” in Cincinnati Law

Admissions

- State of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio