

Bradley J. Stevens

*Chair, Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and
Creditors' Rights*



Overview

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Areas of Focus

- Chapter 11 Practice
- Unsecured Creditors' Committees
- Creditors' Rights and Debtor Representation
- Debt Resolution
- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Collection Matters

Education

J.D., University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law (1980)

B.A., Journalism/Mass Communication, University of Utah (1976)

- *magna cum laude*
- with Honors

Biography

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Admissions

Admitted to Practice

- Arizona (1981)

Court Admission

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (1998)
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona (1981)

Representative Experience

- Representation of Phoenix Manufacturing Partners, a manufacturer of machined components used in the aerospace industry, in its successful Chapter 11 reorganization
- Representation of unsecured creditors' committee of a manufacturer of small motors for HVAC and pool pumps (SNTech)
- Representation of Arizona's largest Arby's restaurant franchisee in its successful chapter 11 reorganization (FX4, LLC, et al.)

- Representation of the Equity Interest Holders Committee in the SkyMall Chapter 11 case
- Representation of a 435 unit residential apartment complex, Desert Gardens IV, LLC, in its successful chapter 11 reorganization
- Representation of Mortgages Ltd, the largest private mortgage lender in Arizona with a nearly \$1 billion loan portfolio, in its vast and complex chapter 11 bankruptcy
- Representation of Chapter 11 Debtor, Triumph Corporation, in its successful reorganization of automotive parts manufacturer
- Representation of member of Unsecured Creditors Committee in an international nutrition and healthcare company
- Representation of direct lenders in \$1 billion Nevada private mortgage company's Chapter 11 proceeding
- Representation of New York City lender in multi-million dollar loan work-out and foreclosure
- Representation of creditor in an international bankruptcy case of Spring Ford Industries, Inc.
- Representation of Chapter 11 Debtor, McClain Airlines, in its successful airline reorganization
- Representation of secured creditor of mobile home financing in over 450 consumer bankruptcies
- Representation of secured creditor of vehicle financing in consumer bankruptcies
- Representation of publishing companies' bankruptcy-related legal matters
- Representation of the post-confirmation Chapter 11 grocery store chain Mega Foods. Estate Representative in preference and related litigation
- Representation of creditor in oil refinery Chapter 11 case
- Representation of creditor in multi-state Chapter 11 oil production company bankruptcy
- Representation of multi-million dollar judgment creditor in Texas Chapter 11 computer component bankruptcy
- Representation of California Chapter 11 Trustee in the collection of multi-million dollar judgment against Arizona residents
- Representation of Texas financial services company in telecommunications Chapter 11 bankruptcy
- Representation of Official Unsecured Creditors' Committee in Chapter 11 residential real estate development bankruptcy
- Representation of member of Unsecured Creditors' Committee in Quorum International Chapter 11 bankruptcy

Published Opinions

Mr. Stevens has been involved in multiple cases in which an opinion was published:

- In re McClain Airlines, 80 B.R. 175 (Bankr. D. Ariz. 1987)
- In re American Continental Corp., 142 B.R. 894 (D. Ariz. 1992)
- In re Elia, 198 B.R. 588 (Bankr. D. Ariz. 1996)
- In re Lundell, 223 F.3d 1035 (9th Cir. 2000)
- In re Spring Ford Industries, Inc., 2004 WL 1291223 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 2004)

Media and Presentations

Articles

- [“Flood of Arizona Covid-19 induced bankruptcy filings expected soon,”](#) *Phoenix Business Journal* (May 4, 2020)
- Co-author, “Representing the Mechanic’s and Materialman’s Lien Claimant in Bankruptcy Court,” materials used at State Bar Convention, Bankruptcy Seminar (1986)

Blogs

- Co-Author, [“Will the “Return to Normalcy” Increase Tenants Seeking Bankruptcy Relief?”](#) *Jennings Strouss Blog* (May 20, 2021)
- Author, [“COVID-19 and Bankruptcy Considerations,”](#) *Jennings Strouss Blog* (March 2020)

Interviews

- [“Lawyers expect tidal wave of bankruptcies due to COVID-19 pandemic,”](#) Fox 10 Phoenix (May 8, 2020)
- [“Retailers are starting to file for bankruptcy,”](#) 3TV/CBS 5 (May 4, 2020)

Presentations

- Faculty speaker; moderator, “Judge’s Roundtable Discussion,” 2010 State Bar of Arizona Annual Convention (June 2010)
- “Too Big to Fail, TARP, Bailouts and Proposed Amendments to the Bankruptcy Code,” 2009 State Bar of Arizona Annual Convention (June 2009)
- “Bankruptcy Litigation - Discovery and Motion Practice,” 2007 State Bar of Arizona Annual Convention (June 2007)
- “Survey of Recent Bankruptcy Developments,” (February 2002)
- “Pre-Bankruptcy Planning,” (January 1996)
- “How to Buy Properties in Bankruptcy,” Arizona School of Real Estate and Business (July 1990)
- “Commercial Lease Transactions,” bankruptcy aspects, sponsored by the National Business Institute, Inc. (July 1989)
- “Teamwork: Attorneys and Paralegals Working Together,” (bankruptcy workshop) co-sponsored by the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the State Bar of Arizona and the Arizona Paralegal Association (April 1986)

Memberships

State Bar of Arizona

- Member, Executive Council, Bankruptcy Section (2004 - 2011)
- Chair, Bankruptcy Section (2008 - 2009)

Turnaround Management Association - Arizona

- Member (2012 – present)

Maricopa County Bar Association (MCBA)

- Chairman, Bankruptcy Section (1995 – 1998)
- Board of Directors (1984 – 1992)
- President, Young Lawyers Division (1984 – 1985)
- Member, Volunteer Lawyer Program (1981 – present)

Focus Phoenix Committee (a city-wide program sponsored by the MCBA for summer law clerks) (1987 – 1988)

American Bar Association

- Member, Business Law Section, Bankruptcy and Insolvency Committee

Commercial Law League of America

American Bankruptcy Institute

Community Involvement

State of Arizona v. Gold E. Locks, a skit for Maricopa County elementary school children

- Co-author, Director, and Actor, MCBA Law-Related Education Committee

Honors and Awards

- [AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™](#)
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the categories of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation – Bankruptcy (2009 – 2021)
- Listed, *Southwest Super Lawyers*® in the categories of Bankruptcy: Business, General Litigation, Business/Corporate (2010, 2013 – 2021)
- Recipient, Turnaround of the Year Award: Small Company, Turnaround Management Association (2018)
- AB Top Lawyer, Bankruptcy, *AzBusiness Magazine* (2009 – 2010)