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PRACTICES

- Business Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights

EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1983, Managing Editor, Saint Louis University Law Journal
- Saint Louis University, B.S. in B.A., 1980

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- Illinois USDC, Central District
- Illinois USDC, Northern District
- Illinois USDC, Southern District
- Indiana USDC, Northern District
- Missouri USDC, Eastern District
- Missouri USDC, Western District
- US Ct Appeals, 7th Circuit (Covers IL, IN, WI)
- US Ct Appeals, 8th Circuit (Covers AR, IA, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)
- Wisconsin US Bank Ct, Eastern District

Frank is a longtime advisor to financial service providers who assists with insolvency and restructuring matters, loan enforcement, and a host of other business issues.

He counsels the Firm's clients and publishes and conducts seminars on numerous bankruptcy and creditors' rights issues, including replevin, foreclosure under the Uniform Commercial Code, executions, enforcement of secured claims and environmental and real estate issues in bankruptcy proceedings.

He has represented lenders and creditors bankruptcy and insolvency cases and in repossession and foreclosure matters involving all types of personal property and real property. He has successfully orchestrated numerous replevin actions throughout the Midwest, recovering machinery, equipment, farm implements and inventories of metal goods and marine products. Frank has extensive experience in representing lenders to motor vehicle dealers in replevin cases and self-help repossessions, as well as Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. He has supervised and conducted the repossession and foreclosure of vehicles from single location dealers, as well as multiple location "mega" dealers. Additionally, Frank has counseled floorplan lenders concerning the disposition of motor vehicle inventory through private or public sale.

Recognitions

- American College of Bankruptcy
 - Fellow, 2006
 - Director, 2013-2020
 - Chair, Bankruptcy History Committee, 2018-Present
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America (by BL Rankings), 2007-2025
- Listed in Illinois Super Lawyers (by Thomson Reuters), 2005-2007, 2011-2024
 - Top 100 in Illinois, 2012-2014
- Named Lawyer of the Year for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights in Chicago by The Best Lawyers in America (by BL Rankings), 2011
- 2001 Michael R. Roser Excellence in Bankruptcy Practice Award (by the

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- Ag Star Financial Services Corporation
- First American Commercial Bancorp, Inc.
- First Bank
- Key Equipment Finance
- Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.
- PNC
- SunTrust Bank
- U.S. Bank National Association
- Wintrust Financial Corporation

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP
Partner, 1992-Present
Inaugural Managing Partner
Chicago Office, 2007-2013
Associate, 1985-1991
- Hon. J.D. Trabue, U.S.
Bankruptcy Judge for the
Southern District of Illinois Law
Clerk, 1983-1985

COMMUNITY

- Chicago Center for Music
Education, President, 2013-2014
- Junior Achievement of Chicago,
Board Member, 2012-2015
- Alexandra Ballet Company,
Board Member, 2003-2021, Vice
President, 2004-2005
- United Way of Greater St. Louis,
Day Care Allocations Panel,
1997-2000

Missouri Bar Association)

- Chair, American College of Bankruptcy, Bankruptcy History Committee
2018-Present

Publications

- "Secured Claims in Bankruptcy"; *5 Mo. Bankruptcy Practice (MoBar)*, 1992
- "The Missouri Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act"; *50 J. Mo. Bar 89*, 1994
- "Fraudulent Transfer Avoidance, Corporate Dissolutions and Receiverships to Satisfy Creditors' Claims and Lis Pendens"; *7 Mo. Creditors' Remedies (MoBar 5th ed. 1999)*
- "Creation of Security Interests"; *29 Commercial Law and Practice Guide (Mathew Bender & Co., 1999)*

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association, Bankruptcy Committee, Vice Chair, 2014-Present, Bankruptcy Committee, Chair, 2015-2016
- Liaison Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2014-Present, Liaison Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chair, 2015
- Commercial Law League of America, Executive Council, Bankruptcy and Insolvency Section, 2002-2006
- The Missouri Bar, Chair, Commercial Law Committee, 1997-2000
- Illinois State Bar Association
- The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Co-Chair, Bankruptcy Committee, 1989-1990
- Bankruptcy Practice Memorial Fund, Eastern District of Missouri, Chair, 2005-2007