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Practice Groups

Business & Commercial Litigation

Bankruptcy, Creditor Remedies,
and Loan Workouts

Overview

Jeffrey Klobucar is a commercial litigator with deep experience in all aspects of complex litigation, in both state and federal court. He has a particular focus on bankruptcy matters, involving representation of debtors, creditors, and chapter 11 creditor committees.

Jeff regularly represents entities in other federal and state court litigation and appellate matters. He routinely handles cases involving the enforcement of contract rights, including security agreements and commercial leases involving both real estate and personal property. He also pursues commercial post-judgment collection matters, including enforcement of judgment liens and guaranties, commercial garnishment actions, evictions, and determinations of non-dischargeability in bankruptcy court.

Jeff is dedicated to protecting the rights of his clients in bankruptcy and other federal and state court matters. He also has significant complex class-action and multi-district litigation experience. Jeff is chair of Bassford Remele's Bankruptcy/Creditors' Remedies Practice Group.

Jeff is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas School of Law, where he served as an adjunct professor for five years.

Education & Admissions

Education

- University of St. Thomas School of Law, J.D., 2008
- University of Minnesota, B.A., 2005

Bar Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska
- U.S. District Court, District of North Dakota
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- Minnesota

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- North Dakota
- Wisconsin

Experience

Representative Complex Litigation Matters

- Counsel for defendant in national class action lawsuit regarding claims for defective laptop components.
- Part of Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel Team in multi-district litigation matter resulting in \$1.5 billion settlement for American corn farmers over claims involving the GMO corn market. *In Re: Syngenta AG MIR162 Corn Litig.*, No. 2:14-md-02591-JWL-KGG (D. Kan.); *In re: Syngenta Corp. Litig.*, No. 27-CV-15-3785 (Hennepin Cty. Dist. Ct.).
- Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel in NHL Concussion Lawsuit alleging claims against National Hockey *In re: National Hockey League Players' Concussion Injury Litigation*, Civil Case No. 0:14-md-02551-SRN-BRT (U.S. District Court, Minn.).
- Served on the law and briefing committee as part of the leadership team in the Imprelis Herbicide Liability Litigation, venued in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, in which plaintiffs obtained a multi-million-dollar settlement on behalf of a nationwide class. *In re: Imprelis Herbicide Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litig.*, No. 2:11-md-02284-GEKP (E.D. Pa. 2012).

Representative Committee Cases

- Representation of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. *In re: Tea Olive I, LLC*, Bky. No. 21-30037 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. *In re: Granite City Food & Brewery Ltd.*, Bky. No. 19-43756 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. *In re: Tiger Oak Media, Incorporated*, Bky. No. 19-43029 (Bankr. D. Minn.), as well as the Liquidating Trustee installed as a result of the confirmed chapter 11 plan.
- Representation of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. *In re: Rancher's Legacy Meat Company*, Bky. No. 19-32928 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. *In re: Millerbernd Systems, Inc.*, Bky. No. 18-41286 (Bankr. D. Minn.), as well as the Liquidating Trustee installed as a result of the confirmed chapter 11 plan.

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Additional Representative Cases

- Representation of secured creditor in Minnesota chapter 7 matter. *In re: All Metro Service Companies LLC*, Bky. Case No. 24-41523 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of creditor in non-dischargeability matter related to Minnesota chapter 7 matter. *Sposito v. McElroy*, Adv. Case No. 24-04019 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of secured creditor in Minnesota chapter 11 matter. *In re: Fair State Brewing Cooperative*, Bky. Case No. 24-30381 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of equipment lessor in Minnesota chapter 11 matter. *In re JACON LLC*, Bky. Case No. 23-31873 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of mechanics lien creditor in Delaware chapter 11 matter. *In re Tritex International, Inc.*, Bky. Case No. 23-10520 (Bankr. D. Del.).
- Representation of creditor in state court fraudulent transfer action against debtor, including obtaining a jury verdict in favor of creditor against the debtor, and prosecuting a corresponding adversary case in bankruptcy court. *Casey Garven, et al., v. Michael M. Paczkowski*, Adv. Case No. 19-04140 (Bankr. D. Minn.); *Casey Garven, et al., v. Michael Paczkowski, et al.*, Civil Case No. 10-CV-19-956 (Carver County District Court).
- Representation of secured creditor with respect to Florida bankruptcy matter. *In re: Nouman Syed Mujahid and Summar Lynn Naddaf*, Bky. No. 23-02510 (Bankr. M.D. Fla).
- Representation of creditor in Minnesota chapter 7 matter and related adversary proceedings. *In re: Chad L. Monson*, Bky. Case No. 14-42151 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of horizontal drilling company as Debtor in Minnesota chapter 11 matter. *In re: Parke Opco, LLC* (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of secured creditor in Maine chapter 11 matter. *In re: Andrea T. McBride*, Bky. Case No. 23-20168 (Bankr. D. Maine).
- Representation of factoring company as creditor in chapter 7 bankruptcy proceeding. *In re 94 LOGISTICS, LLC*, Bky. No. 22-03053 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of individual creditor related to jointly-administered cryptocurrency mining bankruptcy case in Texas. *In re Compute North Holdings, Inc.*, Bky. Case No. 22-90273 (Bankr. S.D. Tex.).
- Representation of Liquidating Trustee in fraudulent transfer claims against debtor executive. *Ronald Leaf, Trustee of the Post-Confirmation Trust of Millerbernd Systems, Inc. v. Bradley Millerbernd, AMJ Enterprises, LLC, and Nutrability, LLC*, Adv. Case No. 20-04076 (Bankr. D. Minn.).

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- Defense of company executives from claims for breach of fiduciary duty, preference liability, and fraudulent conveyance claims raised by chapter 7 trustee. *Seaver v. Platt*, Adv. Case No. 20-04041 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of multiple consignment creditors in a jointly-administered retail distribution chapter 11 bankruptcy case involving seven separate distribution entities across the U.S. and Canada. *In re: WYNIT Distribution, LLC*, Bky. No. 17-42726 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of insurers in bankruptcy proceedings and related coverage adversary proceedings filed by various diocesan corporations in Minnesota. *In re: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis*, Bky. No. 15-30125 (Bankr. D. Minn.); *In re: Diocese of Duluth*, Bky. No. 15-50792 (Bankr. D. Minn.); *In re: The Diocese of New Ulm*, Bky. No. 17-30601 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of national software and computer equipment lessor in big-box retail bankruptcy proceeding. *In re: Gander Mountain Co.*, No. 17-30673 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of advertising service creditor in big-box retail bankruptcy proceeding. *In re: Gander Mountain Co.*, No. 17-30673 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of owner/landlord of commercial real property leased to debtor in big-box retail bankruptcy proceeding. *In re: Gander Mountain Co.*, No. 17-30673 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Representation of secured creditor and obtained a determination of non-dischargeability in an action against debtor based on claims for fraud. *Venture Group Enters., Inc. v. Shatto*, Adv. No. 1-15-00063-CJF (Bankr. W.D. Wis. 2016).
- Representation of judgment creditor and obtained a determination of non-dischargeability in an action against debtor related to claims for intentional tortious conduct. *Ludwig v. Graw*, Adv. No. 14-4245 (Bankr. D. Minn. 2015).
- Representation of creditor and obtained a stipulated determination of non-dischargeability in an action against debtor for claims of fraud. *Campbell v. Kittelsen*, Adv. No. 15-3011 (Bankr. D. Minn. 2015).
- Representation of commercial trucking company in contract litigation, obtaining trial verdict in favor of client for the full measure of damages permitted under the contract.
- Part of team who represented commercial equipment lender, obtaining dismissal of claims on its behalf and successfully defending dismissal at Minnesota Court of Appeals.

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Publications

- *Statutory Liens and Other Special Rights of Creditors*, co-author, Minnesota CLE Debtor-Creditor Law Handbook, Ch. 16, co-author, 2018-2021, 2024 update
- *Understanding Your Client's Reimbursement Rights When Responding to Third-Party Subpoenas*, co-author, Attorney at Law Magazine, Vol. 13, No. 11, November 2024
- *A Law Firm's Guide for Responding to Third-Party Subpoenas Served on Clients*, co-author, Attorney at Law Magazine, Vol. 13, No. 9, September 2024
- *Subpoena Survival Skills*, co-author, Upsize, May 2024
- *The Rise and Fall of the Ponzi Scheme Presumption*, co-author, Bench & Bar of Minnesota, January 2018
- Bankruptcy Bulletin, co-editor in chief, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2018-2019; editor, 2015-2018

Seminars

- *Mastering Client Relations and Getting Paid!*, co-presenter, Bassford Remele 2025 Annual Construction Law Summit, February 6, 2025
- *Post-Trial Enforcement and Considerations*, co-presenter, Bassford Remele Mechanic's Lien: A Primer, December 12, 2024
- *Emerging Issues and Recent Trends in Subchapter V*, co-presenter, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education 2024 Bankruptcy Institute, October 7, 2024
- *Best Practice for Construction Collections*, Minnesota State Bar Association Construction Law Section Meeting, April 18, 2024
- *The 2022 Bankruptcy Institute*, chair, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, October 13-14, 2022
- *Winding Up a Distressed Case*, moderator, The Bankruptcy Institute, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, October 14, 2022
- *NOTICE! Issues Relating to Notice in Bankruptcy Court*, presenter, Bankruptcy Section, Minnesota State Bar Association, February 15, 2018

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Professional & Civic

Bar Associations

- Minnesota State Bar Association
 - Legislative Committee, 2021-2022
 - Bankruptcy Section
 - Chair, 2021-2022
 - Secretary, 2020-2021
 - Treasurer, 2019-2020
 - Bankruptcy Institute Planning Committee, Chair, 2021 and 2022
- State Bar of Wisconsin
- State Bar of North Dakota
- Hennepin County Bar Association

Professional Associations

- American Bankruptcy Institute

Civic Involvement

- University of St. Thomas School of Law, Adjunct Professor, 2008-2013
- Volunteer Lawyers Network, 2014-present

Accolades

Honors & Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Commercial Litigation, 2024-present
- Attorney of the Year, as part of the Syngenta Legal Team, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2017
- Rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Minnesota Super Lawyers list, *Super Lawyers*, 2019-present
- Minnesota Rising Stars list, *Super Lawyers*, 2014-2018