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About

For over 20 years Bob has been representing secured and unsecured creditors, landlords, asset purchasers, vendors, intellectual property licensors, creditors' committees, lenders and trustees in all aspects of restructuring, bankruptcy and corporate reorganization. His extensive experience includes asset sales, avoidance actions, liquidations and appeals in the retail, restaurant, real estate, telecom and energy industries. He also represents clients with private wealth, corporate formation, trust, estate and succession planning issues. Bob enjoys solving the multidimensional and unique challenges of restructuring, bankruptcy and corporate reorganizations. Given his longstanding experience, he is able to quickly analyze client risks, minimize exposure and create advantages and opportunities moving forward.

Ranked as a leading bankruptcy lawyer in *Chambers USA*, Bob is singled out by clients for "his enviable grasp of issues surrounding landlords' rights in bankruptcy, as well as his effective courtroom style." As a result, he is frequently retained to counsel landlords with large portfolios of leases in retail bankruptcy cases across the country. Bob's team takes a lead role protecting landlord rights, working with his clients to ensure debtor compliance with leases and the Bankruptcy Code in connection with debtor-in-possession financing, lease auctions and Chapter 11 reorganization plans. Bob frequently participates in the unsecured creditors' committee process on behalf of landlord clients and has successfully defended unwanted lease assignments and claim objections, terminated leases, acquired designation rights and spearheaded unique complex joint venture retail acquisitions.

Experience

Retail Bankruptcy

Bob has been involved in hundreds of high-profile retail bankruptcy cases valued into the billions of dollars of assets and liabilities. A sampling of recent cases includes 24 Hour Fitness; Ascena Retail; Buffets Restaurants I-IV; CEC Entertainment (Chuck E Cheese); Forever 21; GNC; J.C. Penney; J. Crew; L'Occitane; Modell's Sporting Goods; Pier 1 Imports; Radio Shack; Sears; Stein Mart, Inc.; Tailored Brands; Toys "R" Us; Whitehall Jewelers; and Wilsons Leather.

Landlords

Basser-Kaufman; Blumenfeld Development Group; Brookfield Retail and Office Properties; Garden Commercial Properties, Inc.; Irvine Company; Jones Lang LaSalle; LBA Realty; National Retail Properties; Newmark Merrill Companies; Nuveen; Philips International Holdings; Realty Income Corp.; Regency Centers; Shopcore Properties; SITE Centers Corp; Tanger Factory Outlets; Win Properties

Official Committees of Unsecured Creditors

CEC Entertainment (Chuck E. Cheese); dELiA's; Escada; Four Points Jewelers; Loehmann's; The Walking Company; United Healthcare; Z-Gallerie

Ad Hoc Landlord Committees

A.C. Moore; Borders; Comp USA; Radio Shack

Asset Purchases

GGP, Inc. in connection with the 2016 award-winning joint venture acquisition of Aéropostale for over \$250 million

Liquidating Trustees/Receivers

CEC Entertainment; Entrust Energy; Friendly's; Movie Gallery; Payless; RTW Tailwinds

Honors

Bob was selected for inclusion as a leading practitioner in the Bankruptcy/Restructuring area by *Chambers USA*. A description of the selection methodology can be found [here](#).

He was selected for inclusion in the Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law area as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Woodward/White, Inc.). A description of the selection methodology can be found [here](#).

Bob was selected for inclusion in the New York *Super Lawyers* lists, issued by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology can be found [here](#).

He was selected as one of the Irish Legal 100 by *Irish America Magazine*, 2022-2025. A description of the selection methodology can be found [here](#).

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Affiliations

International Council of Shopping Centers

American Bar Association

Federal Bar Council

American Bankruptcy Institute

Related Services

Bankruptcy and Restructuring
Fashion and Retail

Education

University at Buffalo School of Law, J.D.

University at Albany–State University of New York, B.A.

- Social Studies and History

Admissions

New York

New Jersey

Courts

U.S. District Court–Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court–Northern District of New York

U.S. District Court–Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court–Western District of New York

U.S. District Court–District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court–District of Columbia