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PRACTICE GROUPS

Bankruptcy/Creditors' Remedies
Class Action/Multidistrict Litigation
Commercial Litigation

INDUSTRY GROUPS

Credit and Collection
Financial Services

OVERVIEW

Jeffrey Klobucar is a commercial litigator having experience in all aspects of complex litigation in both state and federal court matters, with 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 as well. 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. Additionally, he 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, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- Minnesota
- North Dakota
- Wisconsin

EXPERIENCE

Representative Committee Cases

- Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. *In re: Tea Olive I, LLC*, Bky. No. 21-30037 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. *In re: Granite City Food & Brewery Ltd.*, Bky. No. 19-43756 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Represented the 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.
- Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. *In re: Rancher's Legacy Meat Company*, Bky. No. 19-32928 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Represented the 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

- Currently representing petitioning creditors in in voluntary bankruptcy case commenced in the Northern District of Iowa – *In re: Pure Prairie Poultry, Inc. f/k/a Pure Prairie Farms, Inc.*, Bky. Case No. 24-01098 (Bankr. N.D. Iowa)
- Currently representing secured equipment creditor in Florida chapter 11 matter – *In re: MBMG HOLDING, LLC et al.*, Bky. Case No. 24-20576 (Bankr. S.D. Fla.)
- Currently representing secured equipment creditor in Arizona chapter 7 matter – *In re: My Time Dental Centers, PLLC*, Bky. Case No. 24-08323 (Bankr. D. Ariz.)
- Currently representing secured equipment creditor in Tennessee chapter 13 matter – *In re: David Kirkland Andrews*, Bky. Case No. 22-03257 (Bankr. M.D. Tenn.)
- Currently representing secured equipment creditor in Massachusetts chapter 13 matter – *In re: Yijia Li*, Bky. Case No. 23-41020 (Bankr. D. Mass.)
- Currently representing creditor in Minnesota chapter 7 matter – *In re: All Metro Service Companies LLC*, Bky. Case No. 24-41523 (Bankr. D. Minn.)
- Currently representing creditor in non-dischargeability matter related to a Minnesota chapter 7 matter. *Sposito v. McElroy*, Adv. Case No. 24-04019 (Bankr. D. Minn.)
- Currently representing secured creditor in Minnesota chapter 11 matter – *In re: Fair State Brewing Cooperative*, Bky. Case No. 24-30381 (Bankr. D. Minn.)
- Currently representing equipment lessor in Minnesota chapter 11 matter – *In re JACON LLC*, Bky. Case No. 23-31873 (Bankr. D. Minn.)
- Currently representing 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).
- Currently representing 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.)
- Currently representing creditor in Minnesota chapter 7 matter and related adversary proceedings. *In re: Chad L. Monson*, Bky. Case No. 14-42151 (Bankr. D. Minn.)
- Represented horizontal drilling company as Debtor in Minnesota chapter 11 matter – *In re: Parke Opco, LLC* (Bankr. D. Minn.)
- Represented secured creditor in Maine chapter 11 matter – *In re: Andrea T. McBride*, Bky. Case No. 23-20168 (Bankr. D. Maine)
- Represented factoring company as creditor in chapter 7 bankruptcy proceeding. *In re 94 LOGISTICS, LLC*, Bky. No. 22-03053 (Bankr. D. Minn.)
- Represented 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.).

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- Represented 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.).
- Defended 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.).
- Represented 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.).
- Represented 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.).
- Represented a national software and computer equipment lessor in a big-box retail bankruptcy proceeding. *In re: Gander Mountain Co.*, No. 17-30673 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Represented an advertising service creditor in a big-box retail bankruptcy proceeding. *In re: Gander Mountain Co.*, No. 17-30673 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Represented an owner/landlord of commercial real property leased to a debtor in a big-box retail bankruptcy proceeding. *In re: Gander Mountain Co.*, No. 17-30673 (Bankr. D. Minn.).
- Represented a secured creditor and obtained a determination of non-dischargeability in an action against a debtor based on claims for fraud. *Venture Group Enters., Inc. v. Shatto*, Adv. No. 1-15-00063-CJF (Bankr. W.D. Wis. 2016).
- Represented a judgment creditor and obtained a determination of non-dischargeability in an action against a debtor related to claims for intentional tortious conduct. *Ludwig v. Graw*, Adv. No. 14-4245 (Bankr. D. Minn. 2015).
- Represented a creditor and obtained a stipulated determination of non-dischargeability in an action against a debtor for claims of fraud. *Campbell v. Kittelsen*, Adv. No. 15-3011 (Bankr. D. Minn. 2015).
- Represented 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.

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 related to claims related to GMO corn market. *In Re: Syngenta AG MIR162 Corn Litigation*, Civil Case No. 2:14-md-02591-JWL-KGG (U.S. District Court – Kansas); *In re: Syngenta Corp. Litigation*, Civil Case No. 27-CV-15-3785 (Hennepin County District Court).

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- Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel in NHL Concussion Lawsuit alleging claims against National Hockey League. *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.*, 2:11-md-02284-GEKP (E.D. Pa. 2012).

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, Jan. 2018
- *Bankruptcy Bulletin*, co-editor in chief, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2018-2019; editor, 2015-2018

Seminars

- *Post-Trial Enforcement and Considerations, Mechanic's Lien: A Primer*, presenter, Bassford Remele, December 12, 2024
- *Emerging Issues and Recent Trends in Subchapter V*, presenter, The Bankruptcy Institute, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, October 7, 2024
- *Employment Issues in an Economic Downturn*, presenter, Association of Corporate Counsel, June 20, 2024
- *Best Practice for Construction Collections*, presenter, 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
- *The Road to Perfection: Recent Developments in the Law Related to Lien Perfection*, presenter, The Bankruptcy Institute, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, October 8, 2020
- *NOTICE! Issues Relating to Notice in Bankruptcy Court*, presenter, Bankruptcy Section, Minnesota State Bar Association, February 15, 2018

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Professional Achievements

- Douglas K. Amdahl Inn of Court, Master

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