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PRACTICES

Bankruptcy Law
Commercial Law

Two years after Schafer and Weiner, PLLC was founded, the late Arnold Schafer and Daniel Weiner extended an invitation to Mr. Baum to join the firm and assist with its growth.

Nearly three decades later, the firm enjoys an excellent national reputation with a broad range of national and local clients involving insolvency, bankruptcy and litigation. The roster includes automotive suppliers, hospitals, health care facilities, auto dealerships, gaming entities and real estate developers.

Mr. Baum has a reputation for unbridled creativity. He is known to both formulate and implement answers and solutions in many challenging and difficult situations.

Balancing his toughness in a courtroom, Mr. Baum is well regarded as an expert in workouts with superb negotiating skills. As counsel to debtors, trustees, unsecured creditors' committees and secured creditors, Mr. Baum has worked diligently and consistently to obtain results beyond the expectations of clients. In addition to being a contributing editor to the *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, Mr. Baum has also published articles for the *Michigan Real Property Review* and the *Michigan Practitioner Series*. He has also lectured in many seminars sponsored by numerous professional associations including the ABI.

Mr. Baum has served on the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and currently serves as the chairperson of the Rules Subcommittee. Additionally, Mr. Baum is the Co-Chair of the Mediation Panel of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

ADMISSIONS & QUALIFICATIONS

State Bar of Michigan, 1978
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1980
U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 1980
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1990
U.S. Tax Court, 2001
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 2003
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

EDUCATION

Wayne State University, J.D., 1978
Beth Yehuda Rabbinical College, Ph.D., 1976
Wayne State University, B.S., Computer Science with Distinction, 1974

PUBLICATIONS

Unpaid FICA in Chapter 11: Navigating the Minefield, 38 Mich. Bus. L.J. (official publication of the State Bar of Michigan), Spring 2018

Leading Corporate Turnaround How Leaders Fix Troubled Companies By: Stuart Slatter, David Lovett and Laura Barlow, *Reviewed by: Contributing Editor Michael E. Baum, Esq.*, American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, July, 2013

Distress to Success: A Survival Handbook for Struggling Business and Buyers of Distressed Opportunities By: Bobby Guy, *Reviewed by: Contributing Editor, Michael E. Baum, Esq.*, American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, February, 2012

Cybernotice: The Next Frontier in Court Efficiency, *Written by: Contributing Editor Michael E. Baum, Esq.*, American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, July/August, 2004

Schafer, Baum & McWhorter, Michigan Practitioner's Series: Family Law and Practice, Divorce and Bankruptcy Law, Chp. 9, West. Pub. 1997

Author, *Bankruptcy v Assignment of Rents: A Case to be Decided*, 19 Mich Real Prop Rev 7, 1992

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Rules Advisory Committee to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court - E.D. (Mich.), Co-Chairperson

American Bankruptcy Institute; Former Contributing Editor

American Bar Association Sections on Business Law, General Practice, Litigation

Mediation Panel, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Co-Chairperson

State Bar of Michigan Sections on Business Law, Real Property, Bankruptcy, Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee

Wayne State University Law School Moot Court Board; Director of Oral Advocacy, 1978

OTHER DISTINCTIONS

Certified Specialist, Business Bankruptcy Law, American Board of Certification.

Foreign Languages: Hebrew and Bankruptcy

Selected for inclusion in the Leading Lawyers Magazine (2014-2018), a recognized peer-review publication in the legal profession

Selected for inclusion in the *Michigan Super Lawyers*® list, a peer review survey that selects the top 5% of attorneys (2007-2021)

Received the Martindale-Hubbell Peer and Judiciary Review “AV Preeminent” Rating for Legal Ability and Ethical Standards (2004-2021)

Adjunct Professor at University of Detroit – School of Business
Strategic and Legal Bankruptcy Course
September through December 2012

SEMINARS

CBA Event: The Business of Being in the Business (of Bankruptcy)
September 20, 2012, Peking House, Royal Oak, Michigan

3rd Annual Consumer Bankruptcy Institute
Individual Chapter 11 Cases: A How-To Guide
May 11, 2012, The Inn at St. John’s, Plymouth, Michigan

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Mediation Training
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan
November 19, 2010

2009 Detroit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference at a Glance
The Special Challenges of High-Income Debtors
(including the Means Test and Individual Chapter 11 Cases)
November 11, 2009