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Max Newman takes pride in finding workable, efficient strategies to resolve business financial issues for his clients. He has more than 30 years of experience as a business bankruptcy lawyer and also has significant experience in complex litigation usually related to the automotive supply chain, insolvency, or both. Max specializes in representing any party to a Chapter 11 case, including the debtor and creditors. Max has also been involved in multiple mergers and acquisitions of financially-troubled businesses and assets, whether through 363 sales, receiverships, surrender agreements, or out-of-court sales.

Max J. Newman is a Shareholder based in Butzel's Troy office. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School (J.D. with honors, 1994) where twice he was a Campbell Moot Court Semi-finalist. His undergraduate degree is also from the University of Michigan (A.B., 1990 with high honors), where he was a James B. Angell Scholar and took the William Branstrom Freshman Prize.

Mr. Newman concentrates his practice in the representation of debtors, creditors committees, creditors and customers in all aspects of Chapter 11 Reorganizations. He has pursued appeals from Bankruptcy Court to the Sixth Circuit and Federal District Court and has also handled cases in the Michigan Appellate Courts. Mr. Newman has handled bankruptcy matters throughout the country, including New York, Delaware, Texas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, North and South Carolina and Michigan.

Mr. Newman is listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* and *Michigan Super Lawyers*. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and is active with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and Hillel Day School.

## Primary Practice Areas

Bankruptcy & Restructuring  
Litigation and Dispute  
Resolution

## All Related Practice Areas

Automotive Industry Team  
Bankruptcy & Restructuring  
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Amongst other speaking engagements, Mr. Newman was featured during an April 22, 2010 webinar presented by the Institute of Management & Administration on "How to Spot Bankruptcy Signs in Your Customers & Suppliers: What Every Credit Manager Needs to Know," and spoke about the General Motors and Chrysler Bankruptcy Cases at the Global TrasporTech conference in South Korea in June, 2009.

Mr. Newman has co-authored several articles, including "Advising the Foreign Client on American Insolvency Law," published in the *Michigan Bar Journal* and "Road to a Chapter 9 Bankruptcy for Financially Distressed Municipalities in Michigan," published in *Michigan Lawyer's Weekly*.

### Credentials

#### EDUCATION

University of Michigan 1990, A.B.

University of Michigan Law School 1994, J.D.

#### ADMISSIONS

Michigan

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

#### MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Michigan

American Israel Public Affairs Committee

### Awards & Recognitions

*The Best Lawyers in America*® – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debt Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2016–2026; Commercial Litigation, 2025–2026

Michigan *Super Lawyers* – Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights, 2007–2022, 2024; Bankruptcy: Business, 2025

*DBusiness* Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit – Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights Law, 2011–2013, 2016–2023, 2025

University of Michigan Law School – Campbell Moot Court Semi-Finalist (twice)

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University of Michigan – James B. Angell Scholar William Branstrom Freshman Prize recipient