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Paul solves financial problems, by agreement or court order. Whether representing debtors, creditors, owners, directors, officers, trustees, landlords, or buyers, Paul finds pragmatic, creative solutions.

With over 37 years of experience, Paul's extensive knowledge of the bankruptcy law, paired with his ability to manage complex litigation and deep experience with the alternatives available, translates to creative solutions for clients when it really counts.

Continuously certified by the American Board of Certification in Business Bankruptcy Law since 1992, Paul represents debtors, creditors, committees, trustees, landlords, buyers and others in bankruptcy, workout and collections matters. Reorganization and creditor clients benefit from his experience in many industries, including agribusiness, finance, manufacturing, oil and gas, transportation, health care and real estate. Paul has crafted original solutions for debtor clients, led companies through complex post-confirmation issues, and counseled clients on pre- and post-filing options and strategies.

EXPERIENCE

Preserving the value of iconic brands, Paul worked as co-counsel for Interstate Bakeries (makers of Wonder Bread and Twinkies), helping position them for an initial reorganization and subsequent sale and a second life. Part of this engagement

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
Commercial Lending

ADMISSIONS

Missouri, 1982
U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, J.D., 1982
University of Nebraska-Omaha, B.S.B.A.,
summa cum laude, 1979

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included litigation before the Eighth Circuit *en banc*.

As lead counsel for the TWA Inc. Post-Confirmation Estate in Delaware, Paul pursued more than 450 preference actions and hundreds of claims objections.

As lead counsel for a major public company as plan sponsor for a gas storage company in bankruptcy in Delaware, Paul guided the company through an auction and plan confirmation process and subsequent post-confirmation exercise of an equity call option.

Paul has been lead counsel for several clients in roles as debtor, receiver, and buyer in state court receivership actions in several states.

Paul has handled matters in Missouri, Kansas, Delaware, New York, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Iowa, Alabama, Minnesota, Indiana, and many other states.

In addition to his practice, Paul is a prior Chair of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri, and has been an Adjunct Professor of Secured Transactions at the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law since 2004.

RECOGNITIONS

Missouri Lawyers Media Top 100 for Bankruptcy POWER List, 2022

Named to 2021 POWER30 for Bankruptcy, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2021

Recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Litigation-Bankruptcy

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law, 2006 - Present

Named Best of the Bar –Bankruptcy by the *Kansas City Business Journal*, 2005 - Present

Selected for inclusion in Missouri & Kansas *Super Lawyers*® for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights, 2006 - Present

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Centurions Leadership Development Program, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Graduate

Winterset Park Homeowners Association, Vice President

United Way, Volunteer

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American Bankruptcy Institute

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Lawyers Association of Kansas City

NEWS

Super Lawyers Recognizes 29 from Stinson on Missouri and Kansas Top Lists

11.14.2023

175 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2024 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.17.2023

Missouri's 100 Most Powerful Attorneys Includes Stinson Partners

12.19.2022

Super Lawyers® Recognizes 26 Stinson Attorneys in Missouri and Kansas

11.14.2022

152 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2023 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.18.2022

Paul Hoffmann Named to Top 30 POWER List for Bankruptcy Attorneys by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*

11.29.2021

Super Lawyers Recognizes 21 Stinson Attorneys in Missouri and Kansas

11.15.2021

103 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2022 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.19.2021

Stinson Attorneys Named to 2020 Kansas & Missouri *Super Lawyers* and Rising Stars

11.16.2020

112 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.20.2020

Stinson Represents Stelco in Option to Acquire Interest in Mine

05.12.2020

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PUBLICATIONS

"The Perils of Purdy: Floating Leases of Livestock," *32 Clarks' Secured Transactions Monthly* 8, August 2016

"New Developments in the GM Termination Statement Litigation," *32 Clarks' Secured Transactions Monthly* 6, June 2016

"Sixth Circuit: Blanket Secured Lender Trumps IP Licensee," *32 Clarks' Secured Transactions Monthly* 1, January 2016

"New York Court Allows Ratification of Unauthorized Financing Statement by Later Security Agreement," *31 Clarks' Secured Transactions Monthly* 5, May 2015

"Another Case Upholds Lender Reliance on the Public Record in Article 9 Priority Dispute," *31 Clarks' Secured Transactions Monthly* 3, March 2015

"Attorney Charging Lien Gets Trumped by Prior Security Interest," *31 Clarks' Secured Transactions Monthly* 1, January 2015

"Drafting Executory Contracts After Recent Third and Eighth Circuit Rulings," *Renaissance*, November 2014

Co-Author, 2014 *Cumulative Supplement to MoBar Creditors' Remedies Deskbook*, Chapter 3, Garnishments, August 2014