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OVERVIEW

Travis Powers advises clients in all aspects of complex commercial insolvency and restructuring under chapters 7 and 11, and subchapter 5, of the United States Bankruptcy Code, as well as in out-of-court debt workouts and Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors. Through the representation of several multi-national corporations and financial institutions, Travis has been involved in several of the nation's largest bankruptcy cases. In addition, Travis is an experienced commercial litigator, having represented some of the country's largest special servicers in large-area commercial real property foreclosure actions in both state and federal courts throughout the country, including highly contested foreclosures of over one million square feet of commercial real estate in Central and Western New York.

Prior to joining White and Williams, Travis was an associate in the Restructuring & Insolvency practice group at an Am Law 50 international law firm located in the New York metropolitan area. Before practicing law, Travis served in the United States Marine Corps as a Marine One helicopter guard for former United States president Bill Clinton. Also, during his Marine Corps service, Travis was a military policeman stationed in Okinawa, Japan, where he acted as liaison between local police and military personnel on several military installations located throughout the region.

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

Travis has been recognized as a *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* since 2022 for Commercial Litigation and in 2024 for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law. He is also a 2018 M&A Advisor Turnaround Award Winner: Healthcare/Life Sciences Deal of the Year. Travis was also selected as a 2017 National Association of Bankruptcy Judges Next Generation participant.

PRACTICES

Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

New Jersey

New York

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York

U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

EDUCATION

St. John's University School of Law, LL.M.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Representation of Unsecured Creditors' Committee in Chapter 11 bankruptcy resulting from multi-billion Ponzi scheme

Debtor's counsel for Chapter 11 bankruptcy of national medical services provider

Representation of Unsecured Creditors' Committee in Chapter 11 bankruptcy of national lumber company

Counsel to agricultural food staple provider in bankruptcy adversary proceeding alleging securities violations

Representation of Unsecured Creditors' Committee in Chapter 11 bankruptcy of west coast based lifestyle company

Debtor's counsel in chapter 11 of Western New York hospitality provider

Representation of international vehicle fleet lender in various actions relating to the bankruptcy of regional dealership

Bankruptcy counsel to aircraft lessors in Chapter 11 of one of the largest United States-based air carriers

Counsel to special servicer in foreclosure of one of New York's largest parcels of commercial real property outside of New York City

IN THE NEWS

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 45 White and Williams Lawyers
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EVENTS

Bankruptcy Code Section 1111(b)(2) Elections, Feasibility, Payment Terms, and Cramdown Interest Rate Complexities
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PUBLICATIONS

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The University of Tulsa College of Law, J.D.,
2009

University of Maryland, B.A., 2004

MEMBERSHIPS

Turnaround Management Association

American Legion



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Post-Petition Exercise of a Trade Vendor's UCC Rights to Stop Delivery and Demand Cash Payments, *ABI Unsecured Trade Creditor's Committee Newsletter*, Vol. 11, No. 1, February 2013
8.5.22

Ninth Circuit Finds No General Alter-Ego Cause of Action under California Law, 30-Mar *Am. Bankr. Inst. J.* 22, 2011
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In Pari Delicto Not a Bar to a Bankruptcy Trustee's Recovery, *The Bankruptcy Strategist*, Vol. 30, No. 8, 2013
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H.R. Bill 100 Seeks to Amend Title 11 to protect Employee Benefits and Curb Excessive Executive Compensation, *ABI Labor and Employment Committee Newsletter*, Vol. 9, No. 2, May 2013
8.5.22

Fraudulent Transfer Liability under the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act: For Statute of Limitations Purposes, is Such Liability Grounded in Fraud of Created by Statute?, 20 *Norton J. Bankr. L & Prac.* 4 Art. 5, 2011
8.5.22

First Circuit Court of Appeals Clarifies Previous Guidance in Circuit on Committee Rights to Intervene in Adversary Proceedings, *Client Alert*, December 7, 2017
8.5.22