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Practice

- Commercial Litigation
- Bankruptcy and Reorganization
- Business Formation and Transactions
- Buying/Selling Businesses
- Creditors' Rights
- Loan Workouts
- Commercial Landlord Tenant Law
- Business and Financial Restructuring
- Real Estate
- Loan Documentation

Education

- DePaul University College of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2002
- Northern Illinois University, B.S. in Political Science, 1992

Admissions

- Arizona and Illinois State and Federal Courts
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh and Federal Circuits

Assisted By

Marie Kelly

Super Lawyers



Patrick Clisham has extensive experience representing clients in complex corporate transactions, including loan documentation and restructurings, asset acquisitions and sales, lease negotiations and enforcement, and business transactions. Patrick's experience primarily derives from his more than thirteen years of representing secured and unsecured creditors, corporate debtors, trustees and examiners in corporate bankruptcy proceedings and out of court workouts.

Patrick joined Engelman Berger in 2009 after relocating from Chicago. His prior practice experience includes his time as an Associate at Shaw Fishman Glantz & Towbin LLC in Chicago (2004-2009) and as an Extern with the Office of the United States Trustee in Chicago, Illinois (2002). Patrick also has considerable business and financial experience. He is a former commodities futures trader and was a Member of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange from 1996-2001. Patrick also previously served as Assistant Vice-President of Law & Government Affairs for AT&T Communications from 2002-2004.

Focus

To advance the financial interests of clients through business transactions and restructurings or litigation.

Clients

Commercial Banks, Financial Institutions, Manufacturers, Private Equity Investors/Lenders, Commercial Landlords, Real Estate Developers, Retail Merchants, Restaurants

Professional

- American Bankruptcy Institute, Member of the Board of Directors and Finance Committee
- ABI Southwest Conference Planning Board, Co-Chair
- ABI Journal, Recurring Author/Contributing Editor
- Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE), Executive Board Member, Secretary
- Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court; Master of the Bench
- Turnaround Management Association, Member

Recognition

- 2012 Rising Star Recognition, Southwest Super-Lawyers®
- 2007 Award For Excellence in Public Interests Legal Education from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois



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Career Highlights

Representation of commercial banks in structuring and documenting commercial and agricultural loan transactions.

Representation of commercial landlords and real estate developers with respect to lease enforcement, credit workouts, and guarantor liabilities.

Representations of buyers and sellers in the private sales of manufacturing, multi-state and regional retail, and construction contracting services businesses.

Representation of a dairy farm in chapter 11 liquidation of dairy assets and disposition of real estate and related investment assets.

Representation of debtor and trustee of a post-confirmation liquidating trust in negotiations and settlement of environmental claims and reclamation processes with the U.S. EPA and various state agencies in a chapter 11 proceeding.

Representation of international manufacturer and wholesaler of consumer goods in chapter 11 proceedings, including a sale of the debtor's operating assets as a going concern.

Representation of major machinery equipment lessor in a successful chapter 11 reorganization case.

Representation of chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee in the \$50 million liquidation of international boat manufacturer, including the prosecution of avoidance actions and the resolution of more than \$2 billion in claims.

Representation of Healthcare Ombudsman appointed in chapter 7 liquidation of private physician practice.

Publications

Regular Contributing Editor and Co-Author of monthly Benchnotes column for the ABI Journal, January 2016 to the present

Co-Authored, "A Primer on the Valuation of Affordable Housing in Chapter 11," XXXII ABI Journal 4, 52-53, 102-03, May 2013

Co-authored chapters in the "Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education Secured Transactions"

Co-authored the article "The 547(c)(4) New Value Defense: Paid or Unpaid" for the Bankruptcy Strategist

Community Service

Patrick volunteers his time teaching America's youth the importance of responsible credit use for the national Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) Program and serves as Secretary of CARE's Board of Directors

Patrick serves as a Board Member for and supports Aid for Adoption of Special Kids (AASK) an Arizona non-profit entity focused on serving Arizona's foster and adoptive children