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Aaron Jackson is the Loan Enforcement Team Leader of the firm's Financial Services Litigation practice group. Aaron's practice focuses on working out distressed commercial loans, with an emphasis on representing holders and servicers of commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS") debt. Banks, loan servicers, life insurance companies, and private equity firms nationwide rely on Aaron's experience to protect and preserve their collateral, enforce their rights as creditors, and maximize their recovery.

Having served in the firm's Financial Services Litigation practice group since before the Great Recession, Aaron has worked out billions of dollars' worth of distressed commercial debt by:

- litigating and collecting on promissory notes and guaranties;
- foreclosing on hotels, office buildings, shopping centers, apartment complexes and other types of commercial real estate;
- obtaining receiver appointments to protect and preserve collateral;
- negotiating and closing forbearances, modifications, discounted payoffs and loan sales;
- defending lender liability claims asserted by borrowers and other servicers;
- orchestrating sales of collateral under the Uniform Commercial Code ("UCC"), with an emphasis on financing secured by ownership interests in companies that own and operate commercial real estate;
- advising loan servicers on their rights and duties under servicing agreements;
- navigating creditor-side disputes among loan participants and investors; and
- representing creditors in cases where the debtor has filed bankruptcy.

Aaron has a truly national practice. He has appeared in dozens of state and federal courts across the United States. He is also an experienced appellate practitioner, having won appeals before the Second District Appellate Court of Illinois, Minnesota Court of Appeals, and Kansas Court of Appeals.

Aaron knows from his experience as a Staff Sergeant in the Army that the successful performance of any mission requires creative and comprehensive planning, efficient and timely communication among team members and decisive action. These principles form the core of his law practice as well.

Capabilities

- Finance
- Financial Services Litigation

Education

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (J.D., *cum laude*, 2006)
- Truman State University (B.S., *cum laude*, 2001)
 - Justice Systems

Bar Admissions

- Missouri, 2007
- Kansas, 2008

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, District of Kansas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Kansas

Memberships

- The Missouri Bar
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- American Bar Association
- William C. Corum Chapter of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Recognition

- Staff Sergeant, United States Army Reserve (2001-2007), Iraq War (2004-2005)
- Founding Board Member, Relentless Pursuit Outreach & Recovery Corporation, a Missouri nonprofit corporation dedicated to the eradication of human trafficking (since 2019)
- Licensed Real Estate Broker, Missouri (since 2014)

Matters

- Obtained appointment of receiver for \$80 million shopping center in Chicago metropolitan area.
- Foreclosed on \$2 million apartment building in Denver metropolitan area and obtained \$1 million deficiency judgment at trial against guarantors.
- Foreclosed on \$25 million office/industrial facility in Kansas City metropolitan area.
- Conducted receiver sale of a \$2.5 million hotel in Houston County, Ga.
- Foreclosed on \$4.3 million office/industrial complex in Detroit metropolitan area.
- Organized and closed UCC sale of ownership interests in a closely held company that owned multiple office buildings in Kansas City metropolitan area.
- Obtained dismissals of lender liability claims pending in federal district court in New York, South Carolina, and Tennessee and in state court in Cook County, Illinois, among other jurisdictions.
- Foreclosed on \$5.5 million planned residential community in Camden County, Georgia.
- Negotiated and closed deed-in-lieu of foreclosure transaction for shopping center in

San Diego metropolitan area securing \$55 million mortgage loan.

- Obtained dismissal on behalf of creditor in contested Chapter 11 bankruptcy pending in Northern District of Texas.
- Obtained \$20 million judgment against guarantor in Minneapolis metropolitan area.
- Foreclosed on \$27 million shopping center in Snyder County, Pennsylvania.
- Obtained receivers for four shopping centers located in Nebraska, South Dakota, Kansas, and Minnesota securing \$57 million mortgage loan.
- Obtained \$120 million judgment in contract dispute litigation with guarantor in Chicago metropolitan area, which was upheld on appeal.
- Obtained dismissal on behalf of creditor in contested Chapter 11 bankruptcy pending in Southern District of Florida.