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Andrew Nazar is a shareholder in Polsinelli's Bankruptcy and Restructuring practice group. He represents secured creditors, debtors, unsecured creditors, committees, guarantors, principals, trade creditors and vendors, landlords, licensees, tenants and the numerous other parties who voluntarily or involuntarily get caught up in bankruptcy proceedings, state court receiverships, collection actions and foreclosure suits.

Andrew enjoys relieving the stress, anxiety and frustration for clients that can accompany bankruptcy and financial restructuring matters, so clients can make clear and informed decisions. Clients enjoy working with Andrew because he is focused on making their lives easier. He takes the time to make sure clients understand complicated financial and bankruptcy issues. Andrew also counsels non-profit organizations with their unique issues and challenges—keeping in mind their particular philanthropic missions.

Andrew also quickly shepherds purchasers navigating the competitive and time sensitive issues presented in bankruptcy sales, so that they can minimize their risk and maximize their outcomes.

Particular examples include:

- Prosecuting and defending numerous bankruptcy preference actions, including 220 brought in the first Interstate Bakeries Bankruptcy case. Successfully took several cases to trial and through appeal
- Debtor's counsel in the first Ford dealership bankruptcy to successfully reorganize and continue operations in the United States
- Counsel to foreign debtor in one of the first chapter 15 international bankruptcies to file in Missouri
- Chapter 9 Debtor's counsel in confirmed plan of adjustment
- Numerous complicated forbearance and loan workout negotiations and agreements relating to asset-based and real estate-based loans, whether documented as a part of a bankruptcy or outside a bankruptcy
- Lender liability cases, where on behalf of borrowers or creditors, Andrew has prosecuted or defended cases where a lender is accused of violating the law

Andrew is also actively involved in the local bankruptcy bar and is a frequent presenter

Capabilities

- Bankruptcy & Restructuring
- Bankruptcy & Distressed Litigation
- Finance
- Litigation
- Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors

and facilitator of bankruptcy continuing legal education programs in the Kansas City area.

Education

- University of Kansas School of Law (J.D., 2005)
- Boston College (B.A., *cum laude*, 2002)
 - History

Bar Admissions

- Missouri, 2005
- Kansas, 2006

Memberships

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Kansas Bar Association
- Kansas City Bankruptcy Bar Association
 - President-Elect, 2014
 - Secretary and Executive Board
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- Turn Around Management Association
 - Board Member
- University of Missouri-Kansas City Midwestern Bankruptcy Institute
 - Advisory Board
- United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Kansas
 - Bankruptcy Bench Bar Committee, 2014-2016
- Western District of Missouri Bankruptcy Court
 - Attorney Advisory Committee, 2014-2016

Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2018-2026
- Honored by *The Kansas City Business Journal* as "Best in the Bar," in Bankruptcy, and Creditor and Debtor Rights, 2015
- Selected for inclusion in *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers, Rising Stars*, 2011-2013

Matters

- Successful reorganized the only Ford dealership to reorganize and emerge in Chapter 11 in the United States.
- Successful reorganization of a municipality in its second Chapter 9 filing.
- First chair on a bench trial to the bankruptcy court on a preference trial and won a judgment on all amounts sought in the approximate amount of \$250,000.
- Filed one of first Chapter 15 bankruptcy filing in the state of Missouri.
- Proposed a creditor liquidation plan that forced debtor into liquidation rather than reorganization.
- Managed and prosecuted more than 220 preference actions to settlement, dismissal or through trial and appeal, obtaining over \$7 million for a liquidating trust.

