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Brian R. Trumbauer focuses his practice in the area of debtor-creditor rights and bankruptcy, with a particular emphasis on representing banks and other financial institutions in loan workouts, commercial bankruptcy cases and troubled credit situations.

He has represented secured and unsecured creditors, debtors, trustees, creditors' committees and other interested parties in bankruptcy cases and debtor-creditor disputes. He also represents Tier 1 automotive companies and other manufacturing companies in bankruptcy and troubled supplier situations.

Mr. Trumbauer has served as a member of a standing Advisory Committee to the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and on a subcommittee that has worked with the bench on various revisions to the Local Rules for that Court. He also lectures frequently on bankruptcy law and debtor-creditor issues.

practices & industries

Bankruptcy and Debtor-Creditor Rights
Banking and Finance

education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D.
Marquette University,
magna cum laude, B.A.

admissions

Michigan

He is listed in *Chambers USA 2025* as a Recognized Practitioner under Banking & Finance: Bankruptcy. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2026* under Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation-Bankruptcy. He is listed in *Michigan Super Lawyers 2023* under Creditor/Debtor Rights and as a *DBusiness Magazine 2025* "Top Lawyer" for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights Law. He is AV Preeminent® Peer Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

professional affiliations

Detroit Bar Association (DBA)

Federal Bar Association

State Bar of Michigan

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *Chambers USA 2019-2025*, Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- *The Best Lawyers in America 2010-2026*, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation-Bankruptcy
- *DBusiness Magazine* "Top Lawyers" 2010-2015, 2017, 2019-2025, Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights Law
- *Michigan Super Lawyers 2013-2023*, Creditor Debtor Rights
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Detroit Bar Association
 - Debtor-Creditor Section, Co-Chair (2008-2009)
- Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan Chapter
 - Bankruptcy Committee
- Advisory Committee to the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Member

PUBLICATIONS

- “Local Bankruptcy Rules: Michigan (E.D. Mich.),” Thomson Reuters-Practical Law Local Rules Toolkit (2018-2023).