

RONALD R. PETERSON, Partner

Ronald R. Peterson concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial, insolvency and bankruptcy law. A fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, he focuses primarily on representing debtors, trustees, creditors, committees, landlords and secured lenders in Chapter 11 cases. In addition to his insolvency litigation practice, Mr. Peterson counsels clients on a variety of transactional issues, including corporate restructurings.

Since 2003, *Chambers & Partners* has named him one of the country's leading lawyers in bankruptcy law. He is AV Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer recognition for ethical standards and legal ability. Mr. Peterson is a member of the firm's Restructuring and Bankruptcy and Bankruptcy Litigation Practices. He is also a member of the Real Estate and Construction Litigation and Corporate Finance Practices and the Real Estate Finance Litigation and Workout Task Force.

Mr. Peterson has been a member of the panel of Chapter 7 Trustees for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division since 1988. He has presided over numerous complex commercial cases, including Stotler & Co, the country's 10th largest commodities house, and Lancelot Investment, a \$1.7 billion Ponzi scheme. Mr. Peterson has also served as examiner in Robert Lund, a large real estate developer and the Chairman of the Creditors' Committee in Thomas J. Petters, a \$3.5 billion Ponzi Scheme. Mr. Peterson is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, Commercial Law League of America and the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the Business Law Section and the Bankruptcy Litigation Committee of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association. He is a Director and past president of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees and is also a member of INSOL (International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals). Mr. Peterson served as the co-chairman of the avoidance power and in pari delicto committee of the ABI's Chapter 11 Reform Commission and a Commissioner on the ABI's consumer reform commission. Mr. Peterson is also a federal equity receiver and a member of the National Association of Federal Equity Receivers.

Mr. Peterson is a prolific lecturer and writer on bankruptcy and commercial law issues.

Awards

- *Best Lawyers in America* - 1995-2021
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law Litigation-Bankruptcy
- *Chambers USA*
Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Illinois), 2003-2020
- Commercial Law League of America
Lawrence P. King Award for Excellence in the Field of Bankruptcy - 2014
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*
Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights - 2005-2016
Bankruptcy: Business - 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Bankruptcy Litigation
Corporate Finance
Real Estate and Construction Litigation
Real Estate Litigation and Counseling
Restructuring and Bankruptcy

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, J.D.,
1973

Ripon College, A.B., 1970; *cum laude*;
Speech and Political Science

ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 1974

COURT ADMISSIONS

US Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 2002
US Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1989
US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit,
1974
US Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 1984
US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1996
US District Court, Northern District of Illinois,
1974
US District Court, Central District of Illinois,
1981
US District Court, Northern District of
Indiana, 1978
US District Court, Eastern District of
Wisconsin, 1975
US District Court, Western District of

Top 100 Illinois Super Lawyers - 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020

Michigan, 1999

US District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 2004

- *Lawdragon Magazine*
3000 Leading Lawyers in America, 2010
500 "Leading Dealmakers", 2007
- Leading Lawyers Network
Top 100 Leading Business Lawyers in Illinois, 2006
Bankruptcy & Workout Law: Commercial, 2004-2019
- Who's Who Legal
The International Who's Who of Insolvency & Restructuring Lawyers - 2013-2015

Educational

- Brigham Young University
Guest Lecturer
- Ripon College
Guest Lecturer

Industry Organization

- National Association of Credit Managers
Lecturer

Service To The Bar

- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education
Faculty Member
- National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees
President, 2017-2018
Director, 2008
Member, 1991-2007
- Panel Chapter 7 Trustee, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

Community

- Ripon College
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Publications

- "Tenancies by the Entirety," *Illinois State Bar Journal*, Illinois State Bar Association, October 3, 2012
- "Consumer Bankruptcy Manual," *Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education*, October 3, 2012
- "Deepening Insolvency or Deepening Confusion?" *Andrews Litigation Reporter*, Vol. 3, No. 5, July 2006
- "BAPCPA: What Do We Know and When Did We Know It?" *DePaul Business & Commercial Law Journal*, Vol. 4, Summer 2006
- "Criminal Liability for the Bankruptcy Practitioner," *Attorney Liability in Bankruptcy*, ABA Publishing, 2006
- Bankruptcy, Workout and Corporate Reorganization Practice Case Analysis: *Till v. SCS Credit Corp.*, May 2004

Speaking Engagements

- "*Law v. Siegel* and the Ever-Changing Face of Exemptions," ABI's Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff 7th Circuit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference, October 10, 2016
- Moderator, "The Return of the Supremes," ABI's 21st Annual Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference, January 21, 2016
- Panelist, "*In re Kaiser*: A Study of Advanced Fraudulent Transfer Issues" and "You Be the Judge: Evidence and the Consumer Practitioner," Seventh Circuit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference, October 12, 2015
- Panelist, "White Collar Crime, Asset Forfeiture and Business Bankruptcies" and "Making Law, Doing Good – Pro Bono Appellate Advocacy from the BAP to the Supreme Court," National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, September 27, 2015 to September 30, 2015
- "88th Annual Meeting," National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, Chicago, IL, October 10, 2014
- Annual Meeting of Credit Union General Counsel, Chicago, IL, May 02, 2012 to May 03, 2012
- "Chapter 11: Cramdown Issues," Law Education Institute 26th Annual National CLE Conference, Vail, CO, January 03, 2009 to January 07, 2009
- Panelist, "Lawyers in the Hot Seat: The State of Ethics & Professionalism," Development Specialists, Inc., Financial Solutions Network, and Coleman Law Firm DePaul University Business & Commercial Law Journal's Sixth Annual Symposium, May 01, 2008
- The Law Education Institute National CLE Conference, Vail, CO, January 04, 2008 to January 09, 2008
- "Means Testing -- What Can Be Done?" Colorado Bar Association 2007 National CLE Conference - Bankruptcy Law, Snowmass, CO, January 06, 2007
- "Will Our Economy Be Driving More Companies into Bankruptcy? / Is Chapter 11 Still a Tool For Distressed Businesses Under BAPCPA?" Federal Bar Association - Chicago Chapter, Chicago, IL, September 13, 2006
- "Bankruptcy Law and Procedure From Start to Finish," National Business Institute, Chicago, IL, June 14, 2006
- Panelist, "BAPCPA: What Do We Know and When Did We Know It?" DePaul University College of Law and the Commercial Law League of America Business & Commercial Law Journal Symposium, Chicago, IL, April 27, 2006
- Moderator, "Incorporating the Act into Federal and State Bankruptcy Law: What Will Change?" American Conference Institute Creditors' Summit on Consumer Bankruptcy Reform: Strategies for Implementing New Policies and Procedures to Increase Recovery, Miami, FL, January 25, 2006 to January 26, 2006

- “Credit Manager’s Guide To Commercial Litigation,” National Association of Credit Management - National Tools & Accessories Credit Group, Chicago, IL, January 20, 2006
- Panelist, “Into Thin Air: The Profile of a Telecom Bust-out,” Illinois CPA Society Fraud Conference, Chicago, IL, November 08, 2005
- National Association of Credit Management / Chicago-Midwest - Central Region Credit Conference, Rolling Meadows, IL, October 20, 2005 to October 21, 2005
- Moderator, “Effective Practice Under the New Bankruptcy Act,” Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Chicago, IL, August 25, 2005
- Panelist, “The Ten Evidence and Procedure Rules You Don’t Know About But Should,” American Bankruptcy Institute Central States Bankruptcy Workshop, Traverse City, MI, June 16, 2005
- “Bankruptcies & Restructurings: Lessons for the Performing Company,” Deloitte & Touche and Jenner & Block Executive Breakfast Briefing, Chicago, IL, December 11, 2002
- Faculty Member, “Handling a Technology-Related Bankruptcy in Illinois,” National Business Institute Seminar, Chicago, IL, March 14, 2001