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Overview

Eric Peterson works in the commercial bankruptcy and receivership fields, including litigation related to commercial financial distress. He represents investors, financial institutions, business owners, debtor's, creditor committees, receivers, bankruptcy trustees and other fiduciaries, and large and small companies in maximizing the value of business assets, achieving operational turnarounds, and going concern sales, among other things. He lead the effort to create the Missouri Commercial Receivership Act and is a founder and president of the national Commercial Receivers Association. Eric has also served as co-chair of the Missouri Bankruptcy Debtor and Creditor Rights Committee of the Missouri Bar and chair of the Subcommittee on Commercial Receivership. He is a co-author of the Manual and Practitioners Guidebook for the Missouri Commercial Receivership Act, which is published by the Missouri Bar.

Eric's representative cases range from representation of creditor committees in large, multibillion dollar coal reorganizations, as lead debtor's counsel for operating companies, and as counsel for creditors, landlords, investors and others in chapter 11 proceedings. He has prosecuted and defended approximately 100 preference and fraudulent transfer avoidance actions across the country. His work spans many industries, including medical, hospitality, manufacturing, entertainment, construction, and other fields.

Eric is admitted to the bars of California, Washington D.C., Missouri and Maryland and in state and federal courts sitting in those and other jurisdictions. He is a frequent author and speaker on insolvency topics, including bankruptcy and receivership.

Education

- Washington University in St. Louis, 2016 (M.B.A.)
- Boston University School of Law, 1998 (J.D.)
- California Lutheran University, 1991 (B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- California
- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Missouri

Community Involvement

- All Academies Ball Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Co-Chair
- United States Air Force Academy Parents Club, Co-Chair
- Jewish Family & Children's Services of St. Louis, Board Member

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2015–2026
- *St. Louis Small Business Monthly*, Top Small Business Lawyer, 2013
- *Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2005–2009

Memberships

- Commercial Receivers Association, President and Co-Founder
- Missouri Bar, Subcommittee on Commercial Receivership, Chair
- Holy Joe Society, Vice Chair
- Missouri Bar, Commercial Law Committee, Co-Chair

Presentations and Publications

- "Managing a Car Dealership Through Receivership," Commercial Receivers Association, Annual Conference, August 2025
- "Know Your Alternatives: Common Non-Bankruptcy Alternatives in Troubled Loans," Spencer Fane Advantage CLE, June 2025
- "State Court Receiverships Advanced Issues / Issues Associated with Free and Clear Sales," Financial Poise Webinar, May 2025
- "[Nuts and Bolts of Commencing a Commercial Receivership Case](#)," Financial Poise Webinar, May 2024
- *Manual and Practitioners Guidebook for the Missouri Commercial Receivership Act*, Co-Author
- "Legal Options for Distressed Assets," Commercial Receivers Association Bankers Education Series, November 2022
- "How State Laws For Receiverships Have Changed For the Better," Commercial Receivers Association, August 2022
- "The New Missouri Commercial Receivership Act," MoBar 2017 Annual Bankruptcy Institute, February 2017
- "New Missouri Commercial Receivership Act," Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Webinar, December 2016
- "Legal Eagle Panel," Missouri Independent Bankers Association, 39th Annual Convention & Expo, September 14, 2016
- "The New Missouri Commercial Receivership Act," Missouri Bar Annual Meeting and Judicial Conference, September 23, 2016
- "The Five Essential parts of a Franchisee Bankruptcy," *The Franchise Lawyer*, American Bar Association Forum on Franchising, Fall 2015
- "Bankruptcy Court Litigation," Missouri Bar, December 2012

- "Director and Officer Litigation in Bankruptcy," Beverly Hills Bar Association, May 2008
- "Getting Personal," *Los Angeles Lawyer*, December 2007
- "Caveat Emptor: Let the Buyer Beware a Sale May Not Really be a Sale," *Bankruptcy Bulletin*, November 2007
- "Manufacturers Have More Freedom to Regulate Distributor Pricing," *Electronic Retailer*, November 2007
- "Commentary: D&O Coverage for Bankruptcy Litigation – Does the Insured vs. Insured Exception Leave Executives Exposed," *Andrews Litigation Reporter*, July 2007
- "Bankruptcy Litigation 101 – Fraudulent Transfers, Preferences, and Claims Litigation," National Bankruptcy Institute