



## Ryan J. Works, Partner

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### Areas of Practice

Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Financial Restructuring  
Commercial & Complex Litigation

### Bar Admissions

Nevada

### Education

- J.D., University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, 2004
- B.A., Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Reno, 2001

Ryan Works is Chair of the Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Financial Restructuring Group, working primarily in the areas of corporate bankruptcy and insolvency and business litigation.

Mr. Works regularly represents creditors and debtors both in and out of bankruptcy, under Chapter 11 and 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. His experience includes representing businesses in the retail, restaurant, transportation, technology, hotel, entertainment, real estate and service industries. Mr. Works has represented the debtor in possession and successfully restructured several businesses. He has represented secured lenders, landlords, tenants, health care ombudsman, buyers, sellers, and other parties in interest. Mr. Works has significant experience prosecuting and defending avoidance actions, adversary cases, and related litigation and has handled various fraud cases and non-discharge matters on behalf of his clients.

In addition to his bankruptcy practice, Mr. Works is a member of the litigation department, with a focus on construction law, mechanics' lien litigation, real estate law, commercial financing disputes under the Uniform Commercial Code, partnership disputes, corporate governance matters, and general defense of local and national clients in federal and state courts.

### Representative Engagements

- *In re Las Vegas Monorail II*: Represented Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority in the acquisition of the Las Vegas Monorail under Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- *In re Lucky Dragon*: Represented EB5 Investors.
- *In re CM Ebar, LLC*: Successfully confirmed Chapter 11 plan, restructuring and selling assets of National restaurant chain – Elephant Bar
- *In re PrimeCare*: Represented the patient care ombudsman in a successful Chapter 11 confirmation of a rural hospital in Tonopah, Nevada.
- *In re Comm Partners Holding Corporation*: Represented a buyer in a 363 sale of hosted services assets.
- *In re Lake Las Vegas Joint Venture et. al.*: Represented an official committee of unsecured creditors in a Chapter 11 case regarding restructuring of the Lake Las Vegas subdivision.

- *In re TEM Enterprises dba Xtra Airways*: Represented the debtor in possession and confirmed a Chapter 11 plan of reorganization that would restructure the airline corporation with \$3 million in new value to the creditors.
- *In re Alphatrade.com*: Confirmed a Chapter 11 liquidation plan of an international stock data firm, representing the debtor in possession, and successfully defeated a motion to convert the case to Chapter 7 at trial.
- *In re West Charleston Lofts, LLC*: Represented the debtor in possession in the successful reorganization of a \$4 million credit facility collateralized by several luxury loft units in Summerlin, Las Vegas.
- *In re Asset Resolution*: Represented a buyer in a 363 sale of an apartment tower complex in Houston, TX, valued at more than \$20 million, and represented bonafide purchasers in adversary litigation for the avoidance and recovery of an alleged fraudulent transfer.
- *In re Whitton Corporation*: Represented a secured creditor and confirmed a Chapter 11 restructure of approximately \$100 million in commercial real estate-backed debt.
- See also: ESSEX Real Estate Partners, Cool Concepts, Glyeco West Virginia, Desert Capitol REIT; Ameri-Dream Realty; Ebenezer Church of Christ; Data Con Systems; South Procyon, LLC; Greenland Supermarket Inc.; Nevada Cancer Institute; Murder Inc.; Nora's Wine Bar and Osteria; Integrated Financial Associates; Carefree Willows, LLC (residents' committee).

## Awards and Recognition

- *Martindale-Hubbell* – AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating (since 2012)
- *The Best Lawyers in America* – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2020-2023), Bankruptcy Litigation (2023), Commercial Litigation (2019-2023)
- *Vegas Inc.* – “Top Lawyers” in Bankruptcy Law (2022, 2023)
- *Nevada Business Magazine* – “Legal Elite/Top Rank Attorneys” (2013-2023)
- *Nevada Business Magazine* – “Legal Elite/Best Up & Coming Attorneys” (2009-2012)
- *Mountain States Super Lawyers Magazine* – Super Lawyer (2013-2023), Rising Star (2011-12)

## Professional Affiliations and Community Engagement

- Member, McDonald Carano Executive Committee
- Member, Board of Governors, State Bar of Nevada, 2015-2018
- Chairman, Nevada State Bar Young Lawyers Section, 2009-2010
- Leadership Las Vegas, Class of 2009
- Member, American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Bankruptcy Committee, Chair of the Small Business Subcommittee
- Member, Las Vegas Founders, 2006-2009
- Member, First Tee of Southern Nevada, 2011-2014

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