Overview

Paul Hage leads our Insolvency & Reorganization practice group. He specializes in representing debtors, lenders, creditors' committees, asset purchasers, unsecured creditors, and trustees in bankruptcy proceedings nationwide.

Paul is certified by the American Board of Certification as a specialist in business bankruptcy law. He is Co-Director of the Conrad B. Duberstein National Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition and has been an Adjunct Professor at the University of Michigan Law School.

Paul is a frequent writer and speaker on bankruptcy law issues. His publications and speaking engagements include:

Publications

- "When the Third Circuit Speaks, Trade Creditors Should Listen: Takeaways on Subsequent New Value from In re Friedman's" NACM Business Credit (2014).
- "Retooling for Chapter 9: How is Chapter 9 Different from Chapter 11?", The Journal of Corporate Renewal (2013).


*The (Heightened) Requirements for Chapter 7 Trustees to Retain Their Own Law Firms as Counsel,* American Bankruptcy Institute Journal (2013).


*Benchnotes: California Bankruptcy Court Analyzes Eligibility Requirements to be a Chapter 9 Debtor,* American Bankruptcy Institute Journal (2013).


*Recent Developments in Section 503 – Administrative Expenses,* Norton Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law (2012)


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*If You Build It…What You Should Know About Mechanic’s Liens in Bankruptcy,* American Bankruptcy Institute Journal (2011)


“Courts have Jurisdiction to Interpret § 363 Sales Orders, Enforce Implied Restrictive Covenants,” American Bankruptcy Institute Journal (2011)


*“Of Claims, Planes & Automobiles—Recent Developments on 503(b)(9) and Reclamation Claims,” ABA Section of Business Law Business Bankruptcy Newsletter (2009)


“(Almost) Everything You Wanted to Know About...Executory Contracts,” Annual Conference of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (2014).


“Supreme and Appellate Court Case Law Update,” ABI Memphis Consumer Bankruptcy Conference (2014).


“The Impact of Section 503(b)(9) on the Subsequent New Value Preference Defense.” ABI


“Tropical Storm TOUSA: Has the 11th Circuit Burst Lending to Distressed Borrowers on the Bubble?,” Annual Conference of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (2012).


“Goldilocks and the Three Fraudulent Transfer Defenses: Can Good Faith, Mere Conduit or In Pari Delicto be the Perfect Size?,” National CLE Conference in Snowmass, Colorado (2012).


“Representing Unsecured Creditors’ Committees,” Michigan Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association (2010).

Affiliations

Access to Bankruptcy Court
- President, 2019—present
- Secretary, 2016—2019

American Bankruptcy Institute
- Board of Directors, 2019—present
- American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, Coordinating Editor, 2012—2019
- ABI Unsecured Trade Creditors Committee, Co-Chair (2015—2017); Education Director (2014—2015); Newsletter Editor (2012—2014)
- ABI Emerging Industries & Technology Committee, Education Director, 2017—2019
- ABI Volo Circuit Court Opinion First Responder, Editorial Board, 2010—2016
- Shapero Cup Regional Moot Court Competition & Symposium, Planning Committee, 2019—present

American Bankruptcy Law Journal
- Editorial Advisory Board Member, 2017—2019

American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Business Bankruptcy Committee
- Claims & Priorities Subcommittee, Chair, 2011—present
- Abuses of the Bankruptcy Process Subcommittee, Vice-Chair, 2009—2011
Recognition

- American Bankruptcy Institute 40 Under 40 Award, 2017 (Inaugural Class)
- American Bankruptcy Institute Committee Leader of the Year, 2017
- American Bankruptcy Law Journal Award, 2007
- American Bar Association Business Bankruptcy Committee Kathryn R. Heidt Award, 2013
- DBusiness Top Young Lawyer, 2013