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The managing partner of Plunkett Cooney's Banking, Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group, Douglas C. Bernstein focuses his practice in the areas of commercial litigation, commercial loan restructuring and documentation, creditors' rights, bankruptcy, receiverships and other banking-related litigation and appeals on behalf of national and regional lenders and special services.

Prior to joining Plunkett Cooney, Mr. Bernstein was employed by Michigan National Corporation as an attorney for over 20 years. He subsequently joined the Standard Federal Bank Legal Department when the bank merged with Michigan National Corporation in 2001.

Mr. Bernstein, who currently serves as a member of the firm's Board of Directors, has a number of published appellate decisions to his credit. He is a member of several professional organizations and presents seminars to clients and industry organizations on commercial loan restructure, bankruptcy and litigation issues.

Mr. Bernstein regularly appears as a guest on finance and general news radio and television programs to discuss banking law and bankruptcy issues, and he is frequently quoted by media covering the business, banking and financial industries.

Mr. Bernstein serves as a member of Plunkett Cooney's Board of Directors.

Areas of Practice

- Banking, Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Law
- Commercial Litigation

Honors & Awards

- Award for Excellence - Chambers USA - Banking & Finance: Michigan, 2010
- Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating-AV Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated. AV Preeminent is a certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell® certification procedures, standards and policies.
- Michigan Super Lawyer in Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights; Michigan Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters publication, 2008 - 2011
- Top Lawyers - Dbusiness magazine, 2009
- American Jurisprudence Award – Labor Law 1, 1980
- Honor Roll – Spring 1979, Fall 1980

Education

- Detroit College of Law, J.D., 1982
- Wayne State University, B.A., 1978

Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1982
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1982
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 2004
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth

Representative Client Work

- Served as counsel to secured lender in several troubled residential construction and development projects, including obtaining the appointment of a receiver.
- Representation of lenders in bankruptcy proceedings to deny debtors discharge of debts.
- Representation of court appointed decision
- Successful restructure on behalf of lender of \$28,000,000 loan relationship, resulting in full repayment to client, including reimbursement of all costs and attorneys' fees.
- Representation of major automotive supplier in defense of \$10,000,000 preference and fraudulent conveyance action.
- Served as counsel to lender in numerous matters involving troubled hotels, restaurants, boat manufacturers, automotive suppliers.
- Providing general bankruptcy advice to several automotive suppliers.

Professional Affiliations

- Oakland County Bar Association (Past Chair, In-House Counsel Committee)
- State Bar of Michigan
- Turnaround Management Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute

Community Involvement

- Hearing panelist, Attorney Discipline Board
- Case evaluation panelist, Oakland County district and circuit courts
- American Power Boat Association, General Counsel (Past)
- Detroit River Regatta Association, Board Member (2005 - Present)
- Hydro-Prop Unlimited Hydroplane Racing Series (General Counsel, 2002-2004)
- H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Racing Series (General Counsel, 2010 - Present; Board Member, 2011-present)
- Michigan Sports Hall of Fame (Board Member, April 2008 - July 2009)

Circuit, 1982

Publications and Lectures

- Michigan State University and Turnaround Management Association's (Michigan Chapter) "Best Practices in Local Government Fiscal Management" Conference, Panelist, Bankruptcy - Chapter 9, Lansing, Mich., April 19, 2011
- Information Management Network's third annual "Bank and Special Asset Forum on Distressed Real Estate" Conference, Presenter, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Feb. 17, 2011

Speaking Engagements

- Beyond Detroit Media Webinar

News

- Bernstein re-elected to Gold Cup race board
- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2011
- Bernstein Appointed to Hydroplane Racing Board
- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2010
- Plunkett Cooney elects three to firm's board of directors
- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2009
- 'Quick rinse' bankruptcy for GM: a pipe dream?
- Media update examines auto industry bailout, possible bankruptcy filings
- Bernstein re-elected to Gold Cup race board
- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2008
- Bernstein elected to Michigan Sports Hall of Fame Board
- Bernstein to present at national bankruptcy conference