



## Thomas H. Riske

### Principal

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## Education

University of Missouri –  
Columbia School of Law,  
J.D., 2009

University of Missouri –  
Columbia, B.A. in Political  
Science, 2006

Thomas H. Riske leads the firm's Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy practice. Mr. Riske represents debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees and bankruptcy trustees and regularly handles all aspects of complex bankruptcies, workouts, reorganizations, debt restructuring and other matters related to debtors' and creditors' rights and remedies. He has handled appellate bankruptcy litigation in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh and Eighth Circuits. In January 2020, Mr. Riske was appointed as a Subchapter V Chapter 11 Trustee for the Southern District of Illinois.

## Practice Areas

- Business Law
- Financial Restructuring & Bankruptcy
- Litigation

## Awards & Recognition

- Best Lawyers – “Lawyer of the Year” in St. Louis
  - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2026)
  - Litigation – Bankruptcy (2023, 2025)
- Best Lawyers – “The Best Lawyers in America”
  - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2019-present)
  - Litigation – Bankruptcy (2019-present)
- Super Lawyers – Missouri & Kansas Rising Stars (2012-present)
- *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*
  - POWER List of Top 30 Bankruptcy Attorneys in Missouri (2021-present)
  - “Up & Coming Lawyer” (2022)
- Winner of “M&A Advisor-Technology Deal of the Year (\$50MM-\$75MM)”-Restructuring of Steel City Media (2019)

## Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bankruptcy Institute
  - Midwest Bankruptcy Institute Advisory Board (2023-present)
- Bankruptcy Court for Eastern District of Missouri
  - Local Rules Advisory Committee (2021-present)
- National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees (2020- present)
- Bankruptcy Association of Southern Illinois
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL)
  - St. Louis Bankruptcy Pro Se Assistance Program, Board of Directors

- Bankruptcy Practice Memorial Fund, Director
- Bankruptcy Section, Former Co-Chairman
- Missouri Bar Association
  - Bankruptcy Creditor-Debtor Rights Committee, Vice-Chair
- Illinois State Bar Association

## **Publications**

- “Electronic and Digital Assets in Bankruptcy,” Panelist, Eastern District of Missouri Bankruptcy Symposium, September 2023
- “Selected Topics in Small Business Restructuring” Panelist, Missouri Bar Spring Meeting, June 2023
- “Some or All Parties-in-Interest? The Gradual Evolution of Factors Considered in Debtors’ Involuntary Conversions” Co-author, published in the *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal – Consumer Corner*, May 2023
- “Selected Topics in Small-Business Restructuring” Panelist, Bankruptcy Association of Southern Illinois, April 2023
- “Receivership 101 Series” Panelist, Commercial Receivership Association, April 2023
- “New Bankruptcy Law for Small Businesses Provides Welcome Changes” Co-author, published in *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, January 2021
- “New Bankruptcy Rules for Small Business” Co-author, published in *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, March 2020
- “Recent Developments in Bankruptcy,” Panelist, The Missouri Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association, October 2019