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EDUCATION

- J.D., Arizona State University
- B.S., Accounting, Arizona State University
 - Magna cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Admitted in Arizona
Admitted in the U.S.
District Court, 9th Circuit

ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Chair, Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission, Arizona Board of Legal Specialization (2006-present)
- Co-Chair, Committee to Rewrite Local Bankruptcy Rules (2005-2006)
- Chair, State Bar of Arizona, Bankruptcy Section (2004-2005)
- Member, Maricopa County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Program, (1995-present)

Helping both businesses and individuals resolve their most pressing financial issues, Lamar Hawkins has earned a reputation for representing clients with efficiency, experience and a focused approach. Consistently recognized as a top lawyer by industry associations and peers, Lamar's practice focuses on all phases of commercial and consumer debt workout and bankruptcy services including Chapter 11 reorganization, Chapter 7 liquidation, financial workout negotiation, creditors' rights, and bankruptcy-related tax issues.

Lamar is one of the leading voices in Arizona regarding bankruptcy law. Attuned to the complexities of bankruptcy code, he advises both buyers and sellers with significant bankruptcy sales and secures favorable financial resolutions for his clients through out-of-court workouts or Chapter 7, 11, or 13 bankruptcy. Lamar offers extensive knowledge in bankruptcy planning, local rules and procedures, and associated tax issues, confidently guiding his clients through each step of this process. He also serves as a valued community and industry resource on bankruptcy, regularly invited to share insights at Arizona State Bar events and at other civil, legal and religious groups.

Throughout his career, Lamar has assisted with the reorganization of numerous business entities, often serving as a pivotal negotiator. Notably, he oversaw the buyout of Great Western Produce, a regional broker of agricultural products, the reorganization of numerous doctor, lawyer, accounting, and other professional groups and organizations, and numerous real estate ventures. In the real estate sphere, Lamar has served on behalf of both the controlling and non-controlling equity ownership. Importantly, Lamar is a community leader in handling the issues for the individual who is impacted most by the financial troubles, achieving numerous individual Chapter 11 reorganizations.

Before joining Guidant, Lamar was a shareholder at Aiken Schenk Hawkins & Riccardi P.C. for nearly three decades. He was instrumental in the favorable outcomes for numerous cases, including Inselman, in which he eased "responsible person" liability for the unpaid transaction privilege taxes of a corporation and limited liability company.

Additionally, Lamar is extensively involved in the Arizona Volunteer Lawyers program, providing workout and bankruptcy assistance to the less fortunate. He was awarded Lawyer of the Month for his hard work with the organization and local community.

Lamar has been recognized in the Southwest Super Lawyers guide since 2012 and has been honored by The Best Lawyers in America®. He was also recognized in Phoenix Magazine's 2019 list of Top Attorneys in Arizona.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Secured favorable outcomes for numerous clients through Chapter 7, 11, or 13 bankruptcy.
- Lead Counsel on the reorganization of dozens of business entities.
- Lead Counsel on numerous reorganizations for individuals.
- Negotiated the buyout of multiple prominent corporations.
- Successfully reorganized numerous real estate ventures.
- Eased "responsible person" liability for the unpaid transaction privilege taxes of a corporation and limited liability company.

RECOGNITIONS

- The Best Lawyers in America®: Bankruptcy (2016 - present)
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers (2013 - present)
- Super Lawyers, Bankruptcy (2012 - present)
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® rated

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Pre-Bankruptcy Planning: Where Do You Draw the Line?" (2019)
- Author, "Retention of Professionals in Bankruptcy" (2018)
- Author, "The Scope of the Automatic Stay" (2017)

PRESENTATIONS

- “Things to Do to Avoid Bankruptcy Filing,” (2019)
- “Pre-Bankruptcy Planning: Where Do You Draw the Line” (2019)
- “Retention of Professionals in Bankruptcy” (2018)
- “The Scope of the Automatic Stay,” (2017)
- Panelist, “Bankruptcy in Transition – Preparing for the Future,” State Bar of Arizona Convention (2014)
- Presenter, “Basics of an Individual Chapter 11 Case,” State Bar of Arizona (2014)
- Presenter, “Individual Chapter 11 Proceedings,” State Bar of Arizona Convention (2009)
- “The New Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for the District of Arizona,” location (2007)
- “What Happens When a Borrower with Multiple Loans Files Bankruptcy,” location (2007)
- “Drafting and Negotiating Commercial Real Estate Leases” (2006)
- “Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005: Individuals in Chapter 11,” location (2005, 2006)
- “New Bankruptcy Code Amendments: How They Impact Your Real Estate Practice” (2005)