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Mark Dessauer has 35 years of experience as a commercial and business lawyer. His trial and appellate practice includes federal and state antitrust claims, shareholder disputes (including corporate valuation issues), breach of contract, fraud, lender liability, business torts, lease disputes, construction disputes, real estate issues, and miscellaneous litigation.

Mr. Dessauer advises organized entities on corporate restructuring and reorganization matters, both within and outside of bankruptcy. Since 2003, Mr. Dessauer has filed in excess of 20 voluntary Chapter 11 petitions on behalf of companies in a variety of industries. These filings resulted in multiple confirmed plans of reorganization or successful Section 363 sales. Furthermore, he has prosecuted and defended numerous adversary proceedings involving avoidance actions, other sections of the Bankruptcy Code, and related state law issues.

Mr. Dessauer has participated in excess of 75 reported cases which include pre-trial proceedings, dispositive motions, and trials on merits that have been through the appellate process.

Awards, Recognition, and Accomplishments

AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Selected to *Business Tennessee* magazine's Top 101 Lawyers in Bankruptcy Law, 2005 and 2006

Selected to Super Lawyers (2007-2017)

Selected to The Best Lawyers, Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights and Reorganization (2011-2018)

Professional and Civic Involvement

Tennessee Bar Association

- Committee on the Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, 2016
- Board of Governors (1990-1993)
- Committees on Revised Article 9 to the Uniform Commercial Code, 2000 and 2010
- Federal Bar Association, Northeast Tennessee Chapter, former president (2013-2014) and board of directors (2005-2017)
- Kingsport Bar Association, member
- American Bar Association, member

Practice Areas

Banking

Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights

Corporate Transactions

Litigation

Education

J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law, 1983

B.A., University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 1980

Admissions

Tennessee, 1983