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OVERVIEW

Harry is a Partner in WH Burkley's Bankruptcy and Restructuring practice group. Harry's practice focuses on: corporate bankruptcy, restructuring involving receiverships, mechanic's liens, collection actions, foreclosure actions, lease defaults, and uniform commercial code issues.

In addition to helping numerous companies restructure their balance sheets outside of bankruptcy and counseling entrepreneurs on asset protection, Harry also represents: corporate debtors and creditors, commercial lessors, financial institutions, financing companies, lessees, secured lenders, bankruptcy trustees, and parties in the sale and acquisition of businesses.

EXPERIENCE

- Represented a company in bankruptcy that had 50,000 asbestos claims, which resulted in a successful settlement with all claimants and its insurance companies
- Represented a bank in a $30 million claim against an airport security firm in Chapter 11, obtaining 100% recovery of its loan
- Represented an Ohio subsidiary of a Canadian company in its Chapter 11, successfully conducting a sale of the assets to a related entity, avoiding the liquidation of the Canadian parent and allowing the subsidiary to continue profitable operations with less than $3 million of debt

RECOGNITION

- *Legal 500* – Finance & Restructuring (Ohio Elite) | 2025-present

- *American College of Bankruptcy* – Fellow, XXIII Class (2012)
- *Best Lawyers* – Litigation – Bankruptcy “Lawyer of the Year” (Cleveland) | 2022
- *Chambers* – Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Ohio) | 2013 – 2022
- *Commercial Law League of America* – President’s Cup for Meritorious Service (2000)
- *Super Lawyers* – Bankruptcy: Business (Ohio) | 2004 – present
- *Super Lawyers* – Bankruptcy: Business “Top 50 Lawyers” (Cleveland) | 2015 – 2016
- *Super Lawyers* – Bankruptcy: Business “Top 100 Lawyers” (Ohio) | 2015 – 2016
- *Best Lawyers* – Banking and Finance Law | 2009-present
- *Best Lawyers* – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law | 2009-present
- *Best Lawyers* – Litigation – Bankruptcy | 2009-present
- *Martindale-Hubbell* – AV-Preeminent Rated

PRESENTATIONS

- *Retention Issues in Individual Chapter 11 Cases* (Presenter, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, October 2014)
- *Budgeting for the Local Master Swim Club* (Presenter, U.S. Master Swimming National Convention, September 2014)
- *Distressed Sales – Has Chapter 11 Become “Let’s Make a Deal?”* (Panelist, William J. O’Neill Bankruptcy Institute, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, May 2014)

ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bankruptcy Institute – Member
- American Bar Association – Member
- American Board of Certification of Bankruptcy and Creditors’ Rights – Emeritus Director; Former Chairman
- American College of Bankruptcy – Member
- Senior Fellows Committee – Co-Chair
- Cleveland-Marshall College of Law – Adjunct Professor, Business Bankruptcy

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association – Co-Chair, William J. O'Neill Great Lakes Regional Bankruptcy Institute (2015); Former Chair, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section; Former Member, Board of Directors
- Commercial Law League of America – Editor, Journal and Bulletin Editor; Chairman, Bankruptcy Insolvency Section; Chairman, Midwest Region; Former Member, Board of Governors, Bankruptcy Section Chair, & Treasurer.
- INSOL International – Member
- Lake Erie Local Masters Swim Club – Board of Directors
- Ohio State Bar Association – Member
- Ohio University College of Business – Visiting Professor (2015)
- Ohio Masters Swim Club – Board Member
- Turnaround Management Association – Member
- S. Masters Swim Club – Finance Committee; Review Committee
- Senior Law Counsel of the Ohio State Bar Association

EDUCATION

- Cleveland State University College of Law, J.D.
- Ohio University, B.B.A.

FOCUS

- Bankruptcy & Restructuring

NEWS

- WH Burkley Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers 2027 Edition
- WH Burkley Recognized in 2026 Edition of Legal 500 US Elite - Ohio

LICENSED

- Ohio State Bar

- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

OFFICE

- Cleveland