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Michael Tucker practices in bankruptcy law and creditors' rights, and is a certified specialist in business bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification. He represents debtors, creditors, and trustees in all aspects of business/commercial Chapter 7, 11, and 13 bankruptcies, and represents commercial creditors in out-of-court workouts, foreclosure actions, receiverships, and replevins. He is experienced in the representation of receivers in state court receiverships. He also protects the rights of commercial landlords in the retail industry when tenant-retailers file for bankruptcy.

His participation in courtroom proceedings, negotiations, appellate brief writing, and oral arguments is extensive. Michael is a member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Committee on Receivership Rules, as well as the Ohio State Bar Association Receivership Subcommittee. He is rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell®, has been named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list every year since 2004, and has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® every year since 2008.

Education

- Miami University (B.A., 1983)
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (J.D., 1986)

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Professional Affiliations

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (*Section Chair, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section, 2002-2003; Member, Executive Board, 1999-2004; Co-chaired William J. O'Neill Bankruptcy Institute, 1996, 2016; Member, Legislative Review Committee to review Senate Bill 540; Member, Bar Admissions Committee, 1998-present; Member,*

Practices & Industries

- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Bankruptcy & Insolvency Litigation
- Business Law
- Real Estate
- Retail, Restaurant & Hospitality
- Real Estate Litigation

Committee on Receivership Rules)

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (*Fellow, 2014-present; Board of Directors, 2020-2025*)
- Ohio State Bar Association (*Council of Delegates, 2015-2016; Banking, Commercial, and Bankruptcy Committee, Committee Chair, 2013-2015; Receivership Subcommittee, 2012-present*)
- American Board of Certification (*Director, 2001-2010; Chair of Standards Committee, 2010; Dean of Faculty, 2006-2008; Executive Committee, 2006-2008, 2010*)
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Ohio JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy (*Director, 2003-2006; Treasurer, 2003-2006*)
- Strategic Planning Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio (*Attorney Constituent Member, 1997-2002*)
- Notre Dame Academy Bankruptcy for Paralegals Adjunct Professor (*1995-1998*)

Community Involvement

- Glenville High School (*2010-2011 academic year; co-taught Rights, Responsibilities, Realities, sponsored through CMBA 3R's program*)
- Jane Addams – Design Lab (*2011-2012 academic year; co-taught Rights, Responsibilities, Realities, sponsored through CMBA 3R's program*)
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (*Volunteer, Bankruptcy Bypass Program, 2009-present*)
- Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters Association (*Volunteer at Bowl for Kids Sake*)
- 1-2-3 Read Program (*2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic years; assisted in reading program for students in grades 1-3; sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Public Library*)

Awards & Honors

- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation-Bankruptcy; Commercial Litigation (2008-2026)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list (2004-2026)
- Named to The Legal 500 US Elite, Ohio, Finance & Restructuring (2025)
- Inducted into The Community Commitment Honor Society, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (2024)
- Named to The BTI Client Service All-Stars (2022)
- Recognized as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in the State of Ohio by Super Lawyers (2016; 2021-2025)
- Recognized as one of the Top 50 Lawyers in the city of Cleveland by Super Lawyers (2021-2025)
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated – Martindale-Hubbell®

Certifications

- Certified as a specialist in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification (1998-present)

Experience

- Represents commercial creditors in out-of-court workouts, foreclosure actions, receiverships, and replevins.
- Represents receivers in asset sales involving operating and non-operating businesses.
- Represents debtors, creditors, and trustees in all aspects of business/commercial Chapter 7, 11, and 13 bankruptcies.
- Represents the interests of commercial landlords in the retail industry when tenant-retailers file for bankruptcy, including issues relating to lease assumptions, modifications, and rejections, cure disputes, and rejection damages claims.
- Represents Chapter 7 trustees in cases involving post-petition inheritance, lien avoidance, exemption challenges, fraudulent transfer, preference avoidance, and asset sales.
- Represents business debtors in out-of-court workouts and restructurings.
- Served as Chapter 11 examiner to investigate potential avoidance actions and claims of business diversion by the debtor's principal and related entities.

News & Media

July 21, 2026

UB Greensfelder Attorneys and Firm Earn Recognition in Legal 500 2026 U.S. City Elite Rankings

August 21, 2025

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2026 List

December 17, 2024

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 57 UB Greensfelder Attorneys in 2025

August 15, 2024

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 List

December 29, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 50 Ulmer Attorneys in 2024 Lists

August 17, 2023

Ulmer Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Report

January 6, 2023

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes 69 Ulmer Attorneys in 2023 Lists

August 18, 2022

Ulmer Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2023 Report

February 9, 2022

Two Ulmer Partners Named 2022 BTI Client Service All-Stars

January 4, 2022

Ohio Super Lawyers Recognizes Ulmer Attorneys in 2022 Lists