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Legal and Business Experience

*Member of Commercial Services & Restructuring Practice Group
2001-Present. Firm-wide Director of*

*Legal Personnel, 2013-16; Partner, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP,
2010 to present; Associate, 2001-09; Summer
Associate, 2000.*

*Extern, Hamilton County Public Defender's Office, Juvenile
Division, January - May 2001.*

*Law Clerk, Robert E. Sanders & Associates, P.S.C., 1999-2001.
United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps, Civilian Law
Clerk, XVIII Airborne Corps, June-August 1999.*

*Summer Probate Clerk, Weltman, Weinberg & Reis, Co., L.P.A.,
1996-1998.*

Commercial Service & Restructuring

*Rocco focuses his practice in the Creditors' Rights, Reorganization
and Bankruptcy Area. He has diverse experience representing
debtors-in-possession, secured lenders, lessors and landlords,
unsecured creditors, official creditor committees, individual
business owners, trustees, and receivers in all facets of
bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and state court proceedings.*

General Business and Corporate

*Rocco counsels businesses and individuals in connection with a
variety of matters pertinent to all phases of business operations.
He has been involved with a variety of commercial transactions,
including asset sales and acquisitions, business start-ups,
significant contract negotiations, and financings.*

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Admissions

Admitted to the Ohio Bar, 2001.

Licensed to practice before the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio 2002; Federal District for the Southern District of Ohio, 2002; Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2005; United States Supreme Court, 2006.

Associations

American Bar Association: Member, Business Law Section.

American Bankruptcy Institute: Member.

Federal Bar Association: Board of Directors, Cleveland Chapter, 2006-Present; Vice-Chair, Newsletter Committee, 2007-09; Inaugural Chair, Bankruptcy Section 2009-Present.

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association:

- **Young Lawyers' Section:** Chair, Young Lawyers Section, 2007-08; Vice Chair, 2006-07; Chair, Recruiting Committee, 2006-07; Treasurer, 2005-06; Chair, Pro Bono Committee, 2005-06; Secretary, 2004-05; Liaison, Justice for All Subcommittee, 2005-06.
- **Member, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section;** Co-Chair Fall 2008 Seminar.
- **Member, Planning Committee,** 2006 & 2007 William J. O'Neill Great Lakes Regional Bankruptcy Institute; Co-Chair Marketing & Publicity, 2006-07; Co-Chair Hospitality, 2005-06.

Attorney Constituency Group, United States Bankruptcy Court, N.D. of Ohio (June 2006–Present).

Catholic Lawyers Guild: Member, 2001-Present.

The Justinian Forum: Member, 2011-Present.

Recognition

Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, "Up and Coming," Bankruptcy/Restructuring, 2014-16.

Ohio Super Lawyers, 2014-17; Top 100 in Ohio 2015-17, Top 50 in Cleveland, 2015-17.

Who to Watch in Law, Crain's Cleveland Business, July 2013

The Best Lawyers in America, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law, 2013-17.

"Ohio Rising Stars," *Ohio Super Lawyers*, 2005-07; 2009-13.

Publications

Author, "Sit Down, Shut Up and Mind Your Own Business: Controlling Subordinate Lenders in Bankruptcy," *ABF Journal*, February 2017.

Author, "Chapter 11, Five Cards at a Time: Secured Lenders Hold 'Em or Bust," *ABF Journal*, March 2015.

Author, "Bankruptcy: The Ultimate Buzz Kill? Sobering Considerations for Financing the Marijuana Industry," *ABF Journal*, April 2014.

Author, "Behind the Tab," *Cleveland Bar Journal*, April 2008.

Author, "My Social Tummy Ache," *Cleveland Bar Journal*, March 2008.

Author, "Everything In Between," *Cleveland Bar Journal*, February 2008.

Author, "The Theory of Nothingness," *Cleveland Bar Journal*, January 2008.

Author, "Compromise: I'll Know It When I See It," *Cleveland Bar Journal*, December 2007.

Author, "That Article Nobody Likes to Read," *Cleveland Bar Journal*, November 2007.

Author, "This Too Shall Pass," *Cleveland Bar Journal*, September 2007.

Author, "It's Your Word, Guard it Vigorously," *Cleveland Bar Journal*, August 2007

Co-Author, "Acquiring Distressed Assets: Choose Your Own Adventure," *The Journal*, a publication of Stout Risius Ross, Spring 2006.

Author, *Bankruptcy Reform in Light of Increased Consumer Filings*, University of Cincinnati Law Review, 2001.

Speaking Engagements, Legal & Business

"Terra Incognita: An introduction to litigating in the bankruptcy court," Webinar: Speaker, August 3, 2016

"Bankruptcy Litigation 101, Adversary Proceedings – Discovery, Evidence, and Settlements," National Business Institute, Cleveland, OH: Speaker, November 2014.

"Legal and Finance Issues in the Production, Marketing and Sale of Marijuana," American Agricultural Law Association, 2014 AALA Agricultural Law Symposium; Speaker 2014.

"Contested Motion Practice, Dischargeability Actions, and Bankruptcy Appeals," National Business Institute: Speaker, 2012.

"The Origins of Bankruptcy," Federal Bar Association, 2011

"Work-Life Balance," Federal Bar Association New Lawyer Training: Speaker, 2010.

"Turnaround Strategies," Ohio Society of CPAs, Corporate CPAs Spring Forum, 2009.

"Dealing with Difficult Lawyers," Federal Bar Association New Lawyer Training: Speaker, 2009.

"Eviction and the Judicial Process," Sterling Education Services: Speaker, 2005.

"When Bankruptcy and Construction Collide," American Bar Association: Speaker, 2005.

"Introduction to Bankruptcy," Cleveland Bar Association, Ohio New Lawyer Training Program: Speaker, 2003-04; 2006.

"Ethics and Professionalism," Cleveland Bar Association, Ohio New Lawyer Training Program: Speaker, 2005; 2007.

"Bankruptcy in the Construction Industry," Lorman Education Services: Speaker, 2004.

"Basic Bankruptcy Litigation in Ohio," National Business Institute: Speaker, 2002

Speaking Engagements, Other

Color Commentator, Ohio High School Division II Boys' Rugby State Championship, 2013.

"Understanding Credit," *Lakewood High School Business Management Class*, 2007.

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Education

University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D., 2001.

Honors and Activities: Winner, 2001 Norbert Heinsheimer Essay Award for Best Comment; 1999 George C. Katsanis Scholarship Award; Member, Dean's Honor List, 1999-2001; Associate Member, Law Review; Member Phi Alpha Delta; Student Volunteer, Volunteer Lawyers Project.

University of Dayton, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1998.

Honors and Activities: Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics Honors Fraternity); Golden Key International Honor Society; Rugby Football Club (President).

Community Involvement

Ohio Youth Rugby Association, Inc. d/b/a Rugby Ohio: Member, Board of Directors (2013-15) Commissioner, High School Division (2012); Finance Committee Chair (2012).

Lake Edge Beach Homeowners' Association: President, 2004-06; Board of Trustees, 2006-08; 2010-12.

University of Dayton Rugby Football Club Alumni Association: Co-Founder and Former Director.

University of Dayton Alumni Association: Member.

Wills for Heroes: Volunteer Attorney, 2008-09.

Pro Bono Bankruptcy Project, Northern District of Ohio: Participating Attorney, 2003-05.

St. Basil the Great Church: Member.

Personal

Born 1976 in Columbus, Ohio. Resides in Hinckley, Ohio, with his wife and two children.