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PRACTICE AREAS

Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Real Estate

OVERVIEW

"Drew is often involved in high-profile, complex cases often involving fraud. He is a very calm, practical and trustworthy lawyer who is solution-focused."

- *Chambers USA 2024*

Drew Dillworth is a Director and Shareholder of the Firm and is a member of the Business Restructuring Department. He represents parties involved in work-outs, debt restructuring, bankruptcy, insolvency and related commercial litigation matters.

In addition to his law practice, Drew serves as a court appointed fiduciary in bankruptcy and state court insolvency proceedings. As a fiduciary, Drew is routinely involved in managing the wind-down and liquidation of complex business enterprises, including: the recovery and sale of assets; the investigation, development, and prosecution of fraudulent transfer and officer and director litigation to recover funds for creditors holding unsatisfied claims; and the analysis, reconciliation, and payment of claims held by creditors.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Counsel to bankruptcy trustee in the successful recovery through litigation and subsequent sale of a 120 bed hotel and related assets in the case styled *In re Oakland Park Inn, Inc.*, 19-10620-PBH (Fort Lauderdale, Florida).

Receiver and liquidating trustee in chapter 11 bankruptcy styled *In re Bal Harbour Quarzo, LLC*, 18-11793-SMG (Fort Lauderdale, Florida), recovering in excess of \$16 million for unsecured creditors through the prosecution of various claims under Federal and State law.

Counsel to bankruptcy trustee in the confirmation and implementation of a plan of liquidation of 10 acres of undeveloped real property located in the upper Keys in the case styled *In re Windley Key One, LLC*, 18-17608-LMI (Miami,

Florida).

Counsel to bankruptcy trustee in the confirmation of a plan of liquidation of multiple commercial properties in the case styled *In re Brenda Nestor*, 17-21187-LMI (Miami, Florida).

Counsel to secured creditors holding in excess of \$130 million in claims in the bankruptcy cases styled *In re Florida Gaming Centers, LLC, et al.*, 13-29597-RAM (Jointly Administered) (Miami, Florida).

Bankruptcy trustee in \$22 million sale of commercial real property in the case styled *The Beacon at Brickell Village, LLC*, 13-11961-LMI (Miami, Florida).

Counsel to bankruptcy trustee in the operation and \$17 million sale of a 147-room beachside hotel in the case styled *In re Ocean 4660, LLC*, 13-23165-JKO (Fort Lauderdale, Florida).

Counsel to public parent in the restructuring of \$150 million in secured and unsecured debt and related obligations of its wholly-owned private home building subsidiaries.

Counsel to secured creditor holding \$55 million in mortgage liens against four anchored shopping centers located throughout the State of Florida in the bankruptcy cases styled *In re Odyssey (III) DP XVII, LLC, et al.*, 8:10-18715-CPM (Jointly Administered) (Tampa, Florida).

Bankruptcy trustee in the operation and sale of a 22-room boutique beachside resort in the case styled *In re AB Resorts, LLC*, 12-24290-LMI (Miami, Florida). Sale satisfied all non-insider creditors in full and provided enhanced return upon secured lender's bargained for recovery.

Counsel to bankruptcy trustee in wind-down and sale of debt settlement financial service provider in case styled *In re P&E Solutions, LLC*, 11-13244-JKO (Fort Lauderdale, Florida).

Bankruptcy trustee in the wind-down, investigation, and subsequent creditor recovery effort in connection with the multi-million dollar Ponzi scheme in the bankruptcy case styled *In re Royal West Properties, Inc.*, 09-20334-RAM (Miami, Florida).

Bankruptcy trustee in the operation and sale of two 1200 acre luxury golf and country club master plan communities located in Naples and Port St. Lucie, Florida, in cases styled *In re Ginn-LA St. Lucie Ltd., LLLP, et al.*, 08-29769-PGH (Substantively Consolidated) (West Palm Beach, Florida). Aggregate recoveries exceeding \$60 million with general unsecured creditors receiving distributions between 60-90% on allowed claims.

Counsel to chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee of real estate developer in the case styled *In re Juan Puig*, 07-15259-RAM (Miami, Florida).

Bankruptcy trustee in the operation and sale of 144,000 square foot commercial office building in the cases styled *In re Ocean Blue Leasehold Property, LLC, et al.*, 07-17999-AJC (Jointly Administered) (Miami, Florida).

Bankruptcy trustee in the operation and sale of wholesale pharmacy business in the bankruptcy case styled *In re Unimed Best Services Corporation*, 06-10602-LMI (Miami, Florida).

Bankruptcy trustee in the investigation and liquidation of two mass tort law firms in the bankruptcy cases styled *In re The Robles Law Center, P.A., et al.*, 04-16685-RAM (Jointly Administered) (Miami, Florida).

Counsel to the court appointed examiner, transaction examiner, and plan administrator in chapter 11 proceeding involving the \$36 million sale of hospital and related medical care facilities in the bankruptcy cases styled *In re Pan American Hospital Corporation, et al.*, 04-11819-AJC (Miami, Florida).

Counsel to chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee in the liquidation of assets, prosecution of litigation claims, and reconciliation of approximately \$20 million in claims against retail pharmacy enterprise in the bankruptcy cases styled *In re Fedco, Inc., et al*., 02-12605-AJC (Miami, Florida).

Counsel to court appointed receiver in connection with a fraudulent securities offering and associated cross-border Ponzi scheme in cases styled *In re Starcash et al.*, 02-80456-CIV Middlebrooks/Vitunac (S.D. Florida).

Counsel to secured floor plan lender to auto dealership in successful defense of multi-million dollar lien priority dispute under Uniform Commercial Code.

Counsel to variety of debtors in successful chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization proceedings including: manufacturer of plastic films and vacuum pouch bags, office building operator, manufacturer of industrial asbestos-removal equipment, and luxury condominium developer.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Meritas, Firm Representative, 2015-Present

Board of Directors, 2023-2026

Meritas Finance Committee, 2022-Present

American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI)

Bankruptcy Bar for the Southern District of Florida

Panel of Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustees for the Southern District of Florida

RECOGNITION

Chambers USA

Bankruptcy/Restructuring - Florida: South (Band 2)

Bankruptcy Litigation – Florida

The Best Lawyers in America®

Miami Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency & Reorganization Lawyer of the Year, 2022 & 2024

Florida Super Lawyers Florida

Trend's Florida Legal Elite

South Florida Legal Guide

AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Events: [Challenges and Future Prospects for Outside Counsel](#)

[Meritas Annual Meeting](#) | | May 2018

NEWSROOM

Firm Announcements: [35 Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers and 11 Practice Areas Ranked In Chambers USA 2024](#)

| June 2024

Firm Announcements: [29 Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers in 11 Practice Areas Ranked In Chambers USA 2023](#)

| June 2023

Firm Announcements: [Drew Dillworth Elected to Serve on Meritas Board of Directors](#)

| May 2023

Firm Announcements: [28 Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers in 12 Practice Areas Ranked In Chambers USA 2022](#)

| June 2022

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers Recognized in 2021 Florida Super Lawyers](#)

| June 2021

Firm Announcements: [29 Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers in 12 Practice Areas Ranked In Chambers USA 2021](#)

| May 2021

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers Recognized in 2020 Florida Super Lawyers](#)

| June 2020

Firm Announcements: [24 Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers in 12 Practice Areas Ranked In Chambers USA 2020](#)

| April 2020

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers Recognized in Florida Super Lawyers 2019](#)

| June 2019

Firm Announcements: [21 Stearns Weaver Miller Attorneys, 10 Practice Areas Ranked in Chambers USA 2019](#)

| May 2019

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers Recognized in Florida Super Lawyers 2018](#)

| June 2018

Firm Announcements: [23 Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers in 10 Practice Areas Ranked In Chambers USA 2018](#)

| May 2018

Firm Announcements: [Meritas Convenes Attorneys from 70 Countries for Summit on the Legal Impacts of Trade, Data Privacy and Climate Change for Global Businesses](#)

| April 2018

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers Recognized in Florida Super Lawyers 2017](#)

| June 2017

Firm Announcements: [19 Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers, 8 Practice Areas Ranked In Chambers USA 2017](#)

| May 2017

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers Recognized in Florida Super Lawyers 2016](#)

| June 2016

Firm Announcements: [17 Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers, 7 Practice Areas Ranked In Chambers USA 2016](#)

| May 2016

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Attorneys Recognized by South Florida Legal Guide 2016](#)

| January 2016

Firm Announcements: [15 Stearns Weaver Miller Attorneys, 7 Practice Areas Ranked In Chambers USA 2015](#)

| May 2015

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Attorneys Recognized by South Florida Legal Guide 2015](#)

| January 2015

In the Media: [Liquidation Plan OK'd For Casino Miami Jai-Alai's Ex-Owner](#)

Law360 || July 2014

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Attorneys Named Among Florida Trend's Legal Elite 2014](#)

| July 2014

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Lawyers Recognized in Florida Super Lawyers 2014](#)

| June 2014

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Continues To Receive Top Rankings In Chambers USA 2014](#)

| May 2014

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Recognized by South Florida Legal Guide 2014](#)

| January 2014

Firm Announcements: [Sixteen Stearns Weaver Miller Shareholders recognized by South Florida's Best Lawyers 2012](#)

| November 2011

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Attorneys Garner Recognition in Prestigious Florida Trend Magazine](#)

| July 2011

Firm Announcements: [Stearns Weaver Miller Receives Top Rankings in Chambers and Partners USA](#)

| June 2011

Firm Announcements: Ten Attorneys and Six Practice Groups Ranked in Chambers USA

| June 2010

Firm Announcements: Twelve Attorneys and Seven Practice Groups Ranked in Chambers USA

| June 2009

Firm Announcements: Twenty-Three Attorneys from Nine Practice Groups Selected for Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America

| June 2009

Firm Announcements: Stearns Weaver Miller Receives Top Rankings in Chambers

| June 2008

EDUCATION

J.D., Valparaiso University Law School, 1992

B.A., Villanova University, 1989

ADMISSIONS

Florida

Illinois

United States District Courts for the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

United States Bankruptcy Courts for the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit