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EDUCATION

University of Kentucky, B.A., cum laude,
History, 1976 University of Kentucky,
Graduate School, History, 1977

LAW SCHOOL

University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D.,
1980

BAR ADMISSIONS

Commonwealth of Kentucky

State of Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals - Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court - Eastern District of
Michigan

U.S. District Court - Western District of
Michigan

U.S. Court of Appeals - Sixth and Seventh
Circuits

U.S. District Court - Eastern District of
Kentucky

U.S. District Court - Western District of
Kentucky

U.S. District Court - Southern District of
Indiana

U.S. District Court - Northern District of
Indiana

U.S. District Court - Southern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court - Northern District of Ohio

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Bankruptcy and Restructuring

Business Litigation

Commercial Leasing and Property
Management

Consumer Bankruptcy Litigation

Consumer Finance Litigation and
Compliance

Defending Consumer Class Actions

Defending Individual Consumer Claims

Financial Services

Mike practices in the areas of bankruptcy, banking, commercial loan and real estate workouts. He serves as Chair of the Firm's Executive Committee and on the Board of the Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar (where he is past Chair). He is also a member of ABI, ABLF, TACR (where he is a past President), and the CBA Bankruptcy Committee (where he is past Chair).

Mike is a frequent lecturer on a wide variety of topics including annual case law updates for many years for the CBA (real estate and bankruptcy), NKBA (bankruptcy), and SWOLTA (real estate).

Mike has been selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for his work in Banking and Finance Law, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization, Litigation-Banking & Finance and Litigation-Bankruptcy from 2005 to 2016. He has also been selected as The Best Lawyers in America "Lawyer of the Year" for his work in Litigation-Bankruptcy in 2013, Litigation-Banking and Finance in 2014 and Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law in 2015. Additionally, Mike has been named Ohio Super Lawyer from 2004 to present for his work in Banking Law and Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law. He has also been named a Cincinnati Leading Lawyer in 2013. Mike is recognized with an AV Rating, the highest rating given to lawyers by Martindale-Hubbell.

Mike offers outstanding client service. He refers to his clients as "great" and relishes his role as counselor. His client service philosophy includes providing prompt, efficient service and continually updating clients on the progress of matters. He has said, "If a client ever had to ask me for the status of a matter, I would think I have failed since I have not kept them up-to-date."

Mike and his wife have been married since 1981 and have three adult daughters, of whom he is very proud. Mike is also passionate about college basketball and card playing - he's been part of a card-playing group that has met monthly since 1977. He is currently Board Chair of Parkinson's Support & Wellness, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit, which he started.

Loan Documentation
Mortgage Foreclosure
Real Estate
Special Assets Resolution

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Turnaround Management Association -
Member;
Parkinson Support and Wellness Inc. - Board
Chair

AFFILIATIONS

American Bankruptcy Institute - Member and
VOLO Editor;
American Bankruptcy Law Forum - Member;
Cincinnati Bar Association - Member - Quid
Pro Am Committee;
Kentucky Bar Association - Member;
Northern Kentucky Bar Association -
Member;
Ohio State Bar Association - Member;
Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar - Past
Chair and former Board Member;
Ohio Supreme Court - past Mentor;
Ohio State Bar Foundation - Fellow