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OVERVIEW

Alex provides practical and candid advice to financial services clients to help them maximize recovery when borrowers, guarantors, and other loan parties do not fulfill their obligations. He regularly advises clients in workouts, loan enforcement, judgment enforcement, commercial foreclosure, receivership, commercial lease disputes, bankruptcy proceedings, breach of contract, and other complex commercial litigation matters.

Alex represents secured lenders, CMBS special servicers, receivers, REITS, trade associations, and other financial institutions. His broad experience includes matters involving hotels, multifamily projects, retail centers, and office buildings. Alex also handles matters involving complex consumer finance defense, construction, and commercial leasing. In addition to loan enforcement and receivership work, he frequently represents secured lenders in lien priority, mechanics lien disputes, and other real estate-related litigation at the trial and appellate levels.

In addition to litigating matters in state and federal court, Alex is experienced handling out-of-court loan workouts, which includes negotiating, structuring, drafting, and closing forbearance agreements, loan amendments, deeds in lieu of foreclosure, modifications, and related workout documentation.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®:* Ones to Watch, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2027)
- *Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, Real Estate (2021-2022)
- “Emerging Leader,” Turnaround Management Association (Chicago/Midwest) (2023)
- “Most Active New Member,” Turnaround Management Association (Chicago/Midwest) (2021)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bankruptcy + Restructuring
- Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities Special Servicing
- Consumer Financial Services
- Finance + Banking

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PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Turnaround Management Association
- Co-chair, Communications Committee, Turnaround Management Association (Chicago/Midwest) (2025)
- Member, American Bankruptcy Institute
- Member, Illinois State Bar Association (April 2018-present)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- The University of Akron School of Law, J.D./M.B.A., Master of Laws in Intellectual Property
- Northern Illinois University, B.A., *cum laude*, political science and history, emphasis: public law

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Receivership Law May Streamline Real Estate Sales In Illinois," *Law360*, December 12, 2025.
- Author, "Student Loan Dischargeability: Recent Developments," *ABI Young and New Members Committee Newsletter*, Vol. 18, No. 2, June 2020.
- Author, "Missouri's Commercial Financing Disclosure Act: A Benefit to Court-Appointed Cannabis Receivers," *DailyDAC*, July 8, 2024.
- Author, "Can You See It? Predicting an Augmented Future for Illinois Attorneys," *Illinois Bar Journal*, June 2019.
- Author, "The Unlocking Technology Act of 2015: The Key to the Cell Phone Unlocking Saga?," *Landslide*, November/December 2016.

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