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Main Bio

Josh Rataezyk focuses his practice on bankruptcy, restructuring and collections. He has extensive experience representing clients in complex, contested receivership and bankruptcy proceedings. Josh has also defended clients in bankruptcy avoidance actions and represented stakeholders in collection litigation throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Immediately prior to joining the firm, Josh was a partner at Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson, P.S.

Representative Matters

- Represented large corporation in defense of avoidance actions in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 proceedings.
- Representation of holder of multi-million dollar judgment in collection litigation in bankruptcy and state court involving appointment of chapter 11 trustee and conversion of bankruptcy case to chapter 7 and seeking denial of judgment debtor's discharge in bankruptcy court.
- Represented apartment building owner in chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings involving confirmation of Plan of Reorganization.
- Representation of general receiver with respect to preservation, marketing, and liquidation of 24-unit condominium development.
- Representation of general receiver with respect to liquidation of 30+ single-family residences in greater Portland area.
- Representation of large bank in lender liability action involving summary judgment on all claims in wrongful foreclosure action challenging creditor's entitlement to enforce loan document.
- Representation of regional bank in state court collection action; including collection efforts on multi-million dollar judgment for secured creditor.
- Representation of construction lender in 30+ receivership actions and workouts involving real property collateral ranging in value from \$500,000 to \$25 million.

Education

- Gonzaga University, (J.D., *cum laude*)
- Yale University (B.A., History)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- King County Bar Association
- Washington State Bar Association

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Subchapter 5: Small Business Reorganization Act," Presenter, Spring 2021
- "Opportunities in Distressed Real Estate Investing," Presenter, HCMP Bankruptcy & Insolvency Webinar, (May 27, 2020)
- "Washington Receiverships," Presenter, HCMP Lender Services Seminar (March 27, 2018)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Snell & Wilmer COACH Award (2023)
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business®, Bankruptcy/Restructuring (2020-2023)
- The Best Lawyers in America®: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization (2023-2024)

Community Involvement

- Issaquah Little League, Board Member (2011-2017)
- Youth sports coach (2010-2020)

Previous Professional Experience

- Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson, P.S., Partner
- Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP, Partner
- GE Capital, Assistant General Counsel
- Snell & Wilmer, Associate

Bar Admissions

- Washington

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Washington
- United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Washington
- United States Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Washington
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Washington
- United States District Court, Western District of Washington