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Main Bio

With a career focused on the intricate landscape of creditor's rights protection, Nathan Kanute brings a seasoned and dynamic approach to his practice. His journey has been a testament to his commitment to finding innovative solutions to complex problems, viewing each case as a unique puzzle waiting to be solved.

Formerly a commercial finance attorney, Nathan honed his skills in navigating the intricacies of financial transactions, laying a robust foundation for his eventual transition into bankruptcy and creditor's rights following the tumult of the 2008 recession. Drawing on his background in business economics, Nathan seamlessly incorporates his understanding of financial systems into his bankruptcy practice, offering clients a comprehensive perspective on their challenges.

In the realm of bankruptcy law, Nathan shines as a steadfast advocate for creditors, particularly in Chapter 11, Chapter 7, and Chapter 13 proceedings. Nathan brings a wealth of experience in representing creditors' interests, whether in resolving cash collateral disputes, lift stay motions, debtor-in-possession financing, or adversary proceedings. His track record includes handling contested first day motions, evidentiary hearings, plan confirmation trials and appeals, underscoring his prowess in advocating for his clients at every stage of the process.

Central to Nathan's approach is his dedication to understanding his clients' businesses intimately, delving into their day-to-day operations to discern their needs and concerns. He recognizes that effective representation goes beyond legal maneuvering; it necessitates a deep comprehension of the client's objectives and operational nuances. With this insight, Nathan crafts tailored strategies aimed at achieving optimal outcomes while mitigating risks.

Communication lies at the heart of Nathan's practice philosophy. He understands the importance of keeping clients informed and empowered throughout the legal journey, ensuring transparency and clarity every step of the way. Whether tackling complex legal issues or addressing seemingly minor concerns, Nathan approaches each client matter with the same level of dedication and attention to detail, steadfast in his commitment to delivering results that exceed expectations.

Education

- University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*)
 - Order of the Coif
 - Submissions Editor, Arizona Law Review

- University of Arizona (B.S., Business Economics, *summa cum laude*)
 - Member, Phi Kappa Phi
 - Outstanding Senior Award, Phi Kappa Phi
 - Beta Gamma Sigma Honorary Fraternities

Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Washoe County Bar Association

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Renewable Energy and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022," Presenter, Snell & Wilmer Webinar (September 9, 2022)
- "[City of Chicago v. Fulton – What You Should Know About the Supreme Court’s Decision](#)," Episode Host, CalCurrent Podcast (March 11, 2021)
- "[United States Supreme Court Holds That Bankruptcy Automatic Stay Does Not Require Return of Property Seized Before The Bankruptcy Petition Was Filed](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (January 15, 2021)
- "[Coming Soon: Bankruptcy Proofs of Claim Must be Filed Sooner and by More Claimants](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (September 6, 2017)
- "[Nevada Supreme Court Holds That Failure to Comply With Contract’s Mediation Provision Bars a Suit on the Contract](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (March 11, 2016)
- "[The FDIC Reigns ‘Supreme’ in Nevada](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Real Estate Litigation Blog (May 22, 2015)
- "[Nevada Supreme Court Clarifies Notice Requirements for Trustee’s Sale](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (March 26, 2015)
- "[Nevada Construction Law Developments in 2014](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (December 2014)
- "[Nevada Supreme Court Clarifies Mechanic and Materialman Lien Issues](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Real Estate Litigation Blog (August 22, 2014)
- "[Guarantors Score Two Victories Before the Nevada Supreme Court](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Real Estate Litigation Blog (July 17, 2014)
- "[Nevada Supreme Court and District Court Issue Decisions Regarding Nevada’s Limitations on Deficiency Judgments](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Real Estate Litigation Blog (June 18, 2014)
- "[U.S. Supreme Court Rules That Inherited IRAs are Available to Pay Creditors](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (June 18, 2014)
- "[Nevada Supreme Court Holds Judicial Privilege for Statements Made to the Media During Litigation is Not Absolute](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (June 16, 2014)
- "[Nevada Supreme Court Determines That Guarantor Cannot Waive Right to Receive a Notice of Default, but Substantial Compliance With Notice Requirements Will Suffice](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (June 13, 2014)
- "[The U.S. Supreme Court Clarifies the Procedure for Unconstitutional ‘Core’ Matters Under Stern v. Marshall in Executive Benefits Ins. Agency v. Arkinson \(Bellingham\)](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal

Alert (June 12, 2014)

- [“Nevada Supreme Court Determines That a Pre-Foreclosure Guaranty Complaint Is Not a Deficiency ‘Application,’”](#) Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (June 11, 2014)
- [“The Nevada U.S. District Court Narrowly Interprets Sandpointe Apartments when Ruling in Favor of Entity that Acquired Loan Before Effective Date of AB 273,”](#) Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 4, 2014)
- "Issues in Joint Administration in Bankruptcy," Tucson Bankruptcy Bar Luncheon (April 2012)
- "Executive Compensation Regulation: Corporate America," Heal Thyself, 47 Ariz. L. Rev. 493 (2005)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Snell & Wilmer Community Involvement Award (2024)
- The Best Lawyers in America®
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2024)
 - Commercial Litigation (2024)
 - Litigation–Bankruptcy (2024)
- Twenty Under 40 Award, Reno-Tahoe Young Professionals Network (2017)
- Top Rank Attorney, Nevada Business Magazine (2017, 2019-2020, 2023-2024)
- Southwest Super Lawyers®, Rising Stars Edition, Bankruptcy: Business (2014, 2016-2020)
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Rising Stars Edition, Bankruptcy: Business (2020)

Community Involvement

- PBS Reno, Trustee (2023-Present)
- Washoe CASA Foundation, Board of Directors (2016-2019)
- Catholic Community Services Foundation
 - Board Member (2013-2014)
- Knights of Columbus

Previous Professional Experience

- Supreme Court of Arizona, Law Clerk to Justice Michael D. Ryan
- Eller College of Business and Public Administration, University of Arizona, Instructor

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- California
- Nevada

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- Supreme Court of California
- Supreme Court of Nevada
- United States District Court, District of Arizona

- United States District Court, District of Nevada