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Ori Katz is a partner and Practice Group Leader of the Finance and Bankruptcy Practice Group in the firm's San Francisco office.

### Areas of Practice

Ori specializes in business bankruptcies and other aspects of insolvency law. He has represented debtors, individual creditors, creditors' committees, parties purchasing assets out of bankruptcy and parties involved in bankruptcy litigation. He has successfully reorganized companies in a wide range of industries, including real estate, retail, construction, biotech, telecommunications, media and the internet. He has also represented lenders in connection with receiverships, loan workouts, restructurings, foreclosures and borrower bankruptcies, and acted as receivership counsel in connection with various appointments. Ori is a frequent speaker on matters relating to bankruptcy and insolvency law.

### Honors

Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy

500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers, *Lawdragon*, 2020

Leading Bankruptcy/Restructuring Lawyer, *Chambers and Partners'*, 2013-2020

Best Lawyers in America (Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law), *Best Lawyers*, 2017-2021

Lawyer of the Year, (Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law), *Best Lawyers*, 2019

Northern California Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers*, 2014-2020

Northern California Rising Star, *Super Lawyers*, 2010-2013

Listed in *Legal 500*, 2012

Co-Chair, *California Bankruptcy Forum*, 23rd Annual Insolvency Conference (May 2011)

### Articles

#### Finance & Bankruptcy Law Blog

- "Dealing with the Financial Impact of the Coronavirus," March 6, 2020

## Media Mentions

Imperial Toy Plans Sale to Ja-Ru

*The Deal*, 11.19.2019

Patriot National D&O Payouts Can Resume, Judge Says

*Law360*, 04.02.2018

Lawsuit Claims Profit Rights to Martin Scorsese's 'Silence' Were Fraudulently Transferred

*The Hollywood Reporter*, 02.01.2017

Crunchies Food Snags Disclosure Statement Approval

*The Deal Pipeline*, 05.07.2015

Crunchies Wins Sale Nod

*The Deal Pipeline*, 10.23.2014

Vail Lake wins fourth exclusivity extension

*The Deal Pipeline*, 09.26.2014

Vail Lake wins sale approval

*The Deal Pipeline*, 09.02.2014

Speyside Fund to acquire Pacific Steel assets

*The Deal Pipeline*, 08.07.2014

Easy Life Furniture to liquidate in Chapter 11

*The Deal Pipeline*, 05.02.2014

PSC secures final DIP use

*The Deal Pipeline*, 04.11.2014

Vail Lake extends exclusivity

03.20.2014

MMFX exits Chapter 11

*Daily Deal/The Deal*, 08.12.2011

MMFX Steel set to exit in August

*Daily Deal/The Deal*, 07.27.2011

MMFX wins access to reduced DIP

*Daily Deal/The Deal*, 03.03.2011

MMFX seeks final clearance to use DIP

*Daily Deal/The Deal*, 12.23.2010

MMFX Steel joins Canadian affiliates in Ch. 11  
*Daily Deal/The Deal*, 12.14.2010

## Speaking Engagements

Speaker, *Techniques in Valuing and Selling Closely Held Businesses*, presented to the Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum, January 14, 2020

Speaker, *The Party's Over; Now, Who's Cleaning Up?: The Post-Apocalyptic Landscape Following a § 363 Sale*, presented at the ABI's Winter Leadership Conference, December 6, 2019

Speaker, *Recent Developments in Business Bankruptcy*, presented at the Bar Association of San Francisco's Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section's Annual Symposium, October 22, 2019 and November 6, 2019

Speaker, *Business Bankruptcy Developments in 2019*, presented at the Western Bankers Association, Bank Counsel Seminar, October 10, 2019

Speaker, *Recent Developments in Business Bankruptcy*, presented at the Bar Association of San Francisco's Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section's Annual Symposium, October 23, 2018 and November 7, 2018

Speaker, *Insolvency Issues in Business Cases*, presented by the Sacramento Valley Bankruptcy Forum, 2018 Fall Symposium, November 9, 2018

Speaker, *Bankruptcy & Tax: Navigating the Perilous Waters of the New Tax Code*, presented by the Bar Association of San Francisco's Commercial Law and Bankruptcy section, September 11, 2018

Speaker, *The Fight Between Secured Creditors and Junior or Unsecured Creditors in Bankruptcy*, presented at the ABI's Bankruptcy Battleground West Conference, March 6, 2018

Speaker *Recent Developments in Business Bankruptcy*, presented at the Bar Association of San Francisco's Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section's Annual Symposium, November 7, 2017

Speaker, *Gift-Wrapped Sales and Structured Dismissals*, presented by the Bay Area Bankruptcy Judges' Conference, April 14, 2017

Speaker, *Cutting Edge Chapter 11 Issues*, presented by the Central California Bankruptcy Institute, September 23, 2016

Speaker, *Technology and IP – Distressed Asset Sale Processes and Issues*, presented by the Special Assets Management Association, October 22, 2015

Speaker, *Stacking the Deck: Identifying and Protecting Assets and Pre-Petition Business Performance*, presented by the California Bankruptcy Forum, 27th Annual Insolvency Conference, May 16, 2015

Speaker, *Individual Chapter 11 Cases*, presented at the ABI's Bankruptcy Battleground West Conference, March 24, 2015

Moderator, *Financing the Business Receivership*, presented by the California Receiver's Forum at the Loyola VI Complex Case Symposium, January 24, 2015

Speaker, *5th Annual Year End Restructuring Market Review*, presented by the Turnaround Management Association, November 20, 2014

Speaker, *All the World's a Stage (Mock Cross Examination)*, presented by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, 88th Annual Meeting, Plenary Session, October 10, 2014

Speaker, *Hot Topics: Substantive Consolidation in Bankruptcy Cases*, presented by the California State Bar, Business Law Section, Webinar, May 29, 2014

Moderator, *A Judges' Discussion of Best Practices for Effective Advocacy Revisited*, presented by the California Bankruptcy Forum, 26th Annual Insolvency Conference, May 17, 2014

Speaker, *Mock Hearing: Confirmation Issues*, presented at the ABI's 25th Annual Winter Leadership Conference, December 6, 2013

Speaker, *363 Sales – Is the Fast Track the Right One for You?*, presented by the ABI Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, August 23, 2013

Speaker, *Receivership vs. ABC vs. Bankruptcy*, presented by the California Receiver's Forum at the Loyola V Complex Case Symposium, January 19, 2013

Speaker, *Business Insolvency Essentials: Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and More*, presented by Pincus Professional Education, September 28, 2012

Speaker, *Special Asset Considerations in Chapter 11 Cases*, presented by the ABI Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, September 9, 2011

Speaker, *Real Estate Issues in Bankruptcy Cases*, presented by The Business, Commercial & Bankruptcy Law Section of the Barristers Club, December 6, 2010.

Speaker, *Recent Developments in Asset Sales*, presented by the California Law and Bankruptcy Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco, October 24, 2008

Program Moderator, *Bankruptcy Practice 101: An In-Depth Guide to Practice in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts Taught by Current and Former Law Clerks*, February 8, 2008

## Memberships

Member, Insolvency Law Committee, Business Law Section, State Bar of California

Member, Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum

Member, State Bar of California

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Bar Association of San Francisco

## Practices

Bankruptcy and Restructuring

Bankruptcy Litigation

Commercial Lending and Financial Transactions

Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities ("CMBS")

Municipal and Public Entity Restructuring

## Industries

Blockchain Technology and Digital Assets

Financial Services

## Education

J.D., Boston University, 2000, *magna cum laude*

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1996

## Clerkships

Extern to the Honorable Lynne Riddle, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California

Extern to the Honorable William C. Hillman, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Boston, Massachusetts

## Admissions

California

Federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Northern, Southern, Eastern and Central District Courts of California