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OVERVIEW

Brian Peterson is a partner in the firm's Finance practice. He focuses on bankruptcy and insolvency matters. He has experience representing borrowers, committees, chapter 7 and 11 trustees, creditors, and asset purchasers in in connection with both transactional and litigation matters in a variety of contexts, including federal bankruptcy proceedings, state court receiverships, foreclosures, and out-of-court workouts. Brian has significant experience representing bankruptcy trustees in Ponzi scheme cases, including fraudulent transfer litigation. He also has experience litigating various commercial disputes in both state and federal courts, and advises clients with respect to the structuring of transactions involving distressed situations.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Before joining the firm, Brian served as a law clerk for the Honorable Paul B. Snyder, Chief US Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Washington. During law school, Brian worked as a judicial extern for Honorable Ronald B. Leighton, United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Seattle, WA
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2024-2026
 - Commercial Litigation, 2024-2026
- Recognized by *Chambers USA* for Bankruptcy/Restructuring in Washington, 2024-2025

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Washington State Bar Association
- Turnaround Management Association

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 2009
- B.A., University of Washington, 2006

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Washington
- United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 19 May 2021, Litigation Minute: Bankruptcy Issues for Vendors and Other Contractual Counterparties

NEWS & EVENTS

- 5 June 2025, K&L Gates Receives More Than 240 Firm, Individual Rankings in 2025 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 6 June 2024, K&L Gates Receives More Than 200 Firm, Individual Rankings in 2024 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 5 March 2021, K&L Gates Names 31 New Partners Across Global Platform

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Commercial Disputes

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Representation of regional bank in connection with multiple state court receivership, workout, litigation, and foreclosure matters.
- Representation of chapter 11 trustee for the LLS America companies bankruptcy case in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington, involving resolution of \$137 million Ponzi scheme.

- Representation of chapter 11 trustee for Meridian Funds entities bankruptcy case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington, involving resolution of \$200 million Ponzi scheme through a liquidation plan and post-confirmation litigation.
- Representation of CalPERS in chapter 9 municipal bankruptcy cases including City of Stockton and City of San Bernardino.
- Representation of the Official Equity Committee in the chapter 11 case of FinTech startup Jumio, Inc., in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.