

# MICHAEL J. NILES

## Partner

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Michael Niles is a partner on Berger Singerman's Business Reorganization Team and Business, Finance & Tax Team in its Tallahassee office. Mike focuses his practice on commercial bankruptcy and creditors' rights matters, bankruptcy litigation, and commercial real estate transactions.

Mike's practice is primarily devoted to a wide range of insolvency matters, including representation of corporate and consumer clients in complex workouts, bankruptcies, assignment for the benefit of creditors and receiverships. He has also represented creditors committees and Chapter 7 trustees. In addition, his practice encompasses both the prosecution and defense of all forms of complex bankruptcy litigation, including preference, fraudulent transfers, and complex contested matters.

Additionally, Michael has extensive experience assisting property owners, developers, and lenders in commercial real estate, including the acquisition, sale, leasing, and development of real property.

## Education

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J.D., *cum laude*, Florida State University College of Law  
B.S., Florida State University

## Bar Admissions

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Florida

## Practice Teams

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Business Reorganization  
Business, Finance & Tax

## Practice Areas

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Bankruptcy Litigation  
Bankruptcy/Restructuring  
Complex Commercial Litigation  
Real Estate

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## Representative Matters

- Represented creditors in bankruptcy proceedings filed under chapter 7, 11, and 13
- Assisted in the representation of an unsecured creditors committee in a healthcare insolvency related case
- Assisted clients in the purchase and sale of property from bankruptcy estates
- Represented both local and national developers, property owners, lenders, and borrowers in the acquisition, disposition, financing, leasing, and development of real property
- Experienced in commercial real estate transactions, including acquisitions, lending, long-term ground leasing and commercial leasing, corporate transactions and services, private and public land use restrictions and real property management
- Assisted in numerous commercial real estate transactions, including negotiation, document drafting, title review, survey review and other related due diligence matters

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## Awards & Honors

- *Chambers & Partners USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*, Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Up & Coming), 2024
- *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, "Ones to Watch" , 2021-2025
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2024
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, "Rising Star", 2020; 2022-2023
- *Florida Trend Magazine*, "Florida Legal Elite Up & Comer", 2016

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## Community Activities / Associations

- Member, The Florida Bar
  - Business Law Section
  - Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
- Member, Tallahassee Bar Association
  - Young Lawyers Division
- Member, American Bankruptcy Institute, 2020-2023
- Board Member, The Northern District of the Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association
  - Past President: 2021-2022
- Member, William H. Stafford American Inn of Court, 2011-2023
- Board Member, Northern District of Florida Local Rules Advisory Committee, 2021- Current
- Board Member, Temple Israel, Tallahassee, Florida, 2023

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## In the News

Fifty-Six Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2025 Edition of Best Lawyers In America  
August 15, 2024

Berger Singerman Announces 2023 Elevations

January 3, 2023

Forty-Three Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2023 Edition of Best Lawyers In America

August 18, 2022

Twenty-three Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers

June 27, 2022

Berger Singerman Announces 2022 Elevations

January 3, 2022

Thirty-nine Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2022 Edition of Best Lawyers In America

August 19, 2021

Berger Singerman's Bankruptcy Litigation Practice Recognized As 2021 "Litigation Departments of the Year"

By Daily Business Review

March 29, 2021

Thirty-Five Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2021 Edition of Best Lawyers In America

August 19, 2020

Berger Singerman Expands Team With Addition of Christopher Andrew Jarvinen, Robin Rubens and Michael

Niles

February 24, 2019

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## Publications

The M&A Advisor Recognizes Berger Singerman LLP for its Work on the Sale of Delphi Behavioral Health

Group, LLC and the Acquisition of Bang Energy by Monster Beverage During its 22nd Annual Awards

November 29, 2023

Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, "A Second Chance for Small Businesses"

April 6, 2020

SCOTUS Finally Clarifies Rights of Licensees of Bankrupt Brands

May 19, 2019

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## Doing Business in Florida Blog

New Florida Law Impacts Attorney Fees

July 2, 2024

SCOTUS Finally Clarifies Rights of Licensees of Bankrupt Brands

May 19, 2019

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## Prior Affiliations

- Nelson Mullins Broad and Cassel
- Northern District of Florida Bankruptcy Court Law Clerk for Judge Specie