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Edward J. Peterson, III is a partner on the firm's Business Reorganization Team in the Tampa office. He focuses his practice on representing debtors and creditors in out-of-court workouts and bankruptcy cases throughout the Southeast, including Subchapter V cases under Chapter 11. Edward also has significant experience representing creditor committees, as well as assignors and assignees in assignments for the benefit of creditors.

In addition to his bankruptcy and restructuring work, Edward handles commercial litigation in state and federal courts, including cases involving directors and officers and disputes related to loans secured by real estate. He is a past president of the Turnaround Management Association of Florida and the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association and is a frequent speaker and author on insolvency matters in Florida and Alabama.

Education

J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of Alabama

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B.A., Kenyon College
Bar Admissions

Florida
Alabama
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Practice Teams

Business Reorganization

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy/Restructuring
Appellate

Representative Matters

- Edward has represented both assignors and assignees in assignments for the benefit of creditors. Edward has represented committees of unsecured creditors.
- Edward currently is representing the committee in the Diamond Scaffold bankruptcy case pending in the Southern District of Alabama, a case involving over \$20 million in debt.

Awards & Honors

- Ranked a Top 100 Lawyer in Florida by Florida Super Lawyers
- Inducted as Fellow in American College of Bankruptcy 2020
- Board Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification
- Voted Number One in Bankruptcy Litigation by Tampa Magazine— 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, and 2022
- Listed, Top 50 Lawyers in Tampa by Super Lawyers – 2019,2021,2022
- Listed, Florida Super Lawyers – 2013-2025
- Listed, Best Lawyers in America – since 2012
- Listed, Tampa Bay's Best Lawyers – 2012 through 2022
- Listed as Florida "Rising Star," in the area of bankruptcy/insolvency practice in "Florida Super Lawyers" 2009 through 2014 editions
- Listed, Florida Trend's "Legal Elite" in the area of "Bankruptcy and Workout Law" 2013-2022
- Rated "AV" (highest rating) by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory
- Listed, Chambers & Partners, "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" in the area of Bankruptcy/Restructuring 2013 - 2022, 2025
- Lawdragon 500, named among the nation's 500 Leading Lawyers in Bankruptcy and Restructuring, 2025

Community Activities / Associations

- President – Florida Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association (2018-2020)

- Advisory Board – Turnaround Management Association Southeast Seminar (2017-2021)
- Advisory Board – American Bankruptcy Institute, Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop (2014-2019)
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association
- Fellow, American Bar Association
- Board of Directors, Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association (2007-2012)
- President, Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association (2014-2015)
- Vice President, Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association (2013-2014)
- Treasurer, Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association (2011-2012)
- Member – American Bankruptcy Institute
- Board of Directors, Federal Bar Association, Tampa Bay Chapter (2015-2017)

In the News

Tampa Bay Business & Wealth Features Edward J. Peterson, III and James Eising in, "Berger Singerman opens Tampa office, adds top bankruptcy attorney Edward Peterson"

April 17, 2025

Law360 Features Edward J. Peterson, III and James Eising in "Johnson Pope Bankruptcy Duo Joins Berger Singerman"

April 3, 2025

Berger Singerman Expands in Central Florida with the Addition of Edward J. Peterson, III and James Eising to Its Award-Winning Business Reorganization Team

April 1, 2025

"Un-Till We Get it Right: Applying Industry Standards to Cram-Down Rates"

03/2016

Events & Speaking Engagements

Edward J. Peterson III, Panelist, "The Wild West of Merchant Cash Advance Lenders" 2023 Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop, American Bankruptcy Institute
2023

Edward J. Peterson III, Moderator, "Issues Affecting the Automobile Industry" 2019 Winter Conference for Florida Chapter, Turnaround Management Association
03/2019

Edward J. Peterson III, Speaker, "Bankruptcy Issues" 2017 Tampa Bay Chapter, Federal Bar Association
2017

Edward J. Peterson III, Moderator, Bankruptcy Judges Panel, 2017 & 2018 TMA Southeast Conference
2017 & 2018

Edward J. Peterson III, Panelist, "Shipping and Trucking Issues" 2017 Southeast Workshop, American Bankruptcy Institute
2017

Edward J. Peterson III, Panelist, 2016 Annual seminar for Central Florida Bankruptcy Association
2016

Prior Affiliations

- Johnson Pope Bokor Ruppel & Burns, LLP