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Michael R. Bakst is experienced primarily in various fields of bankruptcy and insolvency, including representing creditors, debtors, bankruptcy trustees, receivers, and debtors, as well as representing litigants within complex bankruptcy matters, commercial litigation, receiverships, and assignments for the benefit of creditors. He is a panel United States Bankruptcy Trustee for the Southern District of Florida. Mr. Bakst has also served as an Examiner appointed through the offices of the United States Trustee.

Mr. Bakst frequently speaks at continuing education seminars for bankruptcy and commercial litigation practitioners, as well continued education seminars for trustees in bankruptcy on a regional level.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Courts, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida Trial Bar
- U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Bar Admissions

- Florida

Education

- J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 1990
- B.A., University of Miami, 1987

Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy and Reorganization
- Collections & Creditors' Rights

Professional and Community Involvement

- Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida, Past Director

- City of West Palm Beach, Member, Planning Board, 2015-present
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, Chairperson, 2000-2015
- National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees
- Palm Beach County Bar Association
- Southern District of Florida, Standing Local Rules Advisory Committee, Appointee Member, 2003-2004

Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, "Trustee's Avoidance Powers," Region 21 Trustee Association Webinar, May 2, 2019
- Panelist, "Bankruptcy Litigation: Tips, Tricks and Best Practices," Bankruptcy Bar Association Southern District of Florida, April 24, 2019
- Speaker, "View of Bankruptcy Practice: The interaction between bankruptcy and state court practice," Palm Beach County Bar Association's Bankruptcy Law CLE Committee, December 8, 2017
- Panelist, "Bankruptcy: A View from the Bench," Palm Beach County Bar Association's Bench Bar Conference, March 10, 2017

Recognitions

- *Martindale-Hubbell*, Rated AV® Preeminent™
- *U.S. News & World Report*, "Best Lawyers in America," Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2010-2020
- *Super Lawyers* magazine, "Super Lawyers Florida," Bankruptcy: Business, 2012-2019
- *Palm Beach Illustrated*, "Top Lawyers," 2019
- *Super Lawyers* magazine, Super Lawyers Business Edition, Bankruptcy, 2014-2015

In the News

- Featured, "South Florida Lawyers Are Raking in Million Working in Bankruptcy Court," *Daily Business Review*, March 21, 2019

News

- Greenspoon Marder Partners Laurence Blair, Cindy Crawford, And Michael Bakst Recognized As "2019 Top Lawyers" By Palm Beach Illustrated
- 33 Attorneys From Greenspoon Marder Listed in the Best Lawyers in America© 2020
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Selected as 2018 Legal Leaders
- 35 Attorneys From Greenspoon Marder Listed In The Best Lawyers in America© 2019
- Super Lawyers Recognizes 22 Attorneys at Greenspoon Marder as "Super Lawyers" in Florida
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Receive 2018 AV Preeminent Rating By Martindale-Hubbell
- 34 Attorneys from Greenspoon Marder Listed in The Best Lawyers in America© 2018
- Super Lawyers Recognizes 21 Attorneys at Greenspoon Marder in Florida
- Greenspoon Marder Shareholder Michael Bakst Panelist At 2017 Palm Beach County Bar Association's Bench Bar Conference
- Eight Attorneys From Greenspoon Marder Listed In The Best Lawyers Business Edition 2017
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Selected as 2016 Legal Leaders
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Receive 2017 AV Preeminent Rating By Martindale-Hubbell
- 32 Attorneys from Greenspoon Marder Listed in the Best Lawyers in America 2017

- Super Lawyers Recognizes 38 Attorneys at Greenspoon Marder
- 25 Greenspoon Marder Law Attorneys Listed Among 2016 Best Lawyers in America
- 26 Greenspoon Marder Law Attorneys Listed Among 2015 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Michael Bakst Appointed to the City of West Palm Beach Planning Board
- Nine Greenspoon Marder Law Attorney's Selected for the 2014 Super Lawyers Business Edition
- Twenty-Three Greenspoon Marder Law Attorneys Listed Among Best Lawyers in America in 2015
- Fifteen Greenspoon Marder Law Attorney's Selected as 2014 Florida Super Lawyers, and Ten as 2014 Florida Rising Stars
- Twenty-Three Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Listed Among Best Lawyers in America in 2014
- 26 Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Listed Among Florida Super Lawyers
- Greenspoon Marder Named Among the 2013 "Best Law Firms"
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Named Among The Best Lawyers in America® 2013
- South Florida's Top Rated Lawyers, 2012

