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Practices

Bankruptcy & Reorganization

Education

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 1976; Phi Delta Phi, Magister; *University of Florida Law Review*, Board of Editors

B.A., University of Virginia, 1971

Bar Admissions

Florida

John Macdonald serves as the office managing shareholder of Akerman's Jacksonville office. A litigator with over 35 years of experience, John focuses his practice on complex bankruptcy and reorganization matters, as well as litigation of real estate, probate, and general commercial disputes in all courts. He currently represents several of the leading financial institutions in Florida in loan workouts, restructurings, and foreclosures. Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* as a leading bankruptcy lawyer and commercial litigator in Florida, John has served as the chairman of The Florida Bar's Bankruptcy/UCC Committee, on the Executive Committee of The Florida Bar's Business Law Section, and as the president and chairman of the Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association.

Areas of Experience

Bankruptcy Trustees

Buyers of Bankruptcy Assets (363 Sales)

Chapter 11 Debtors

Commercial Landlord-Tenant Bankruptcy

Commercial Landlord-Tenant Litigation

Commercial Mortgage Foreclosures & Receiverships

Creditors Committees

Debtor-in-Possession Financing

Executory Contracts

Mortgage Warehouse Financing Workouts

Planning for Asset Protection

Preference & Fraudulent Transfers Litigation Defense

Real Estate Litigation

Secured Creditors

State Court Liquidations (ABCs)

Trusts, Estates, Guardianship & Other Fiduciary Litigation

Workouts & Restructuring

Awards & Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2005-2013, Listed in Florida for Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Banking & Finance, Litigation - Bankruptcy, Litigation - Real Estate, Litigation - Trusts & Estates, and Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/ Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2012, Listed as "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation - Banking & Finance in Jacksonville
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine 2008-2012, Listed in Florida for Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights and Business Litigation
- *Florida Trend's* Legal Elite 2009-2011, Listed for Bankruptcy & Workout
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Rated

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Professional Memberships & Activities

- The Florida Bar, Business Law Section, Bankruptcy/UCC Committee, Member, Past Vice Chairman, 1998-2000, Past Chairman, 2000-2001; Business Law Section, Executive Council, Member 2002-present; Judicial Liaison Committee, Past Co-Chairman, 2001-2002; Fourth Judicial Circuit,

Grievance Committee "C", Past Chairman, 1987-1989

- Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association, Past President, 1991-1993; Past Chairman, 1993
- Jacksonville Bar Association, Bankruptcy Law Section, Past Chairman, 1990-1991
- Lowe Syndrome Association, National Board of Directors, Member
- North Florida School of Special Education, Board of Directors
- Northern Florida Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, President, 2000-2003