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Andrea Hartley is the co-chair of Akerman's Bankruptcy and Reorganization Practice Group, a nationally recognized team serving as bankruptcy counsel or receivers in many of the largest bankruptcy filings in the United States.

An experienced bankruptcy and creditors' rights litigator, Andrea counsels clients in the financial services, real estate, hospitality, restaurant, healthcare, and retail sectors on business reorganizations and liquidations, assumption and rejection of leases/contracts, workouts, debt restructurings, assignments for the benefit of creditors, and creditors' rights. She also has substantial experience with fraudulent conveyance and preferential transfer litigation. She acts on behalf of corporate debtors, committees, lenders, secured and unsecured creditors, commercial landlords, suppliers, vendors, and purchasers of troubled companies and their assets, both in and out of bankruptcy court.

Respected as a leader in bankruptcy law, Andrea served as National Chair of the 17,000-member Law Practice Division of the American Bar Association (ABA). She is also the past Chair of the ABA Women Rainmakers and a Fellow of the ABA. Andrea also served as only the third female president of the Dade County Bar Association in its then 95-year history.

Notable Work

363 Sale: Represent a Tokyo-based private equity firm in funding and section 363 sale acquisition of Catalina Marketing Japan K.K., the Japanese subsidiary of a Florida-based data and marketing services provider Catalina Marketing Corporation.

363 Sale: Represent the owner and operator of a continuing care retirement community in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in the Middle District of Florida. Facilitating a sale of the property to the lender with a credit bid of \$58 million.

Areas of Experience

Bankruptcy and Reorganization
Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors
Bankruptcy Trustees and Court Appointed Fiduciaries
Chapter 11 Business Debtors
Chapter 15 Cross-Border Insolvency Cases
Commercial Landlord-Tenant Bankruptcy
Distressed Transactions and Corporate Restructuring
Creditors' Committees
Distressed Property
Preference and Fraudulent Transfer Litigation
Secured Creditors and Debtor-in-Possession Financing
Financial Services
Distressed and Special Assets
Buying and Selling Assets (Section 363 Sales)

Education

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 1990
B.S., University of Florida, 1987, with honors

Admissions

Bars

Florida

Courts

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
U.S. Supreme Court

Related Content

Andrea Hartley to Speak at the Annual Asset Recovery International Conference
February 07, 2025

Republic Metals Corporation and its affiliated debtors: Represent Republic Metals Corporation, one of the largest refiners of gold, silver, and precious metals in North America, and its seven wholly owned affiliates in its Chapter 11 case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The restructuring included negotiations and workouts with eight of the world's largest precious metals lenders collectively holding over \$200 million in secured debt and metal lease lines. After completion of a 363 sale of the company's assets to a Japanese competitor, the balance of the case revolved around complex litigation from leading metal suppliers and vendors asserting over \$100 million in competing claims to a \$225 million asset pool.

ProLogis: Represent ProLogis, one of the largest REIT's in the world. ProLogis owns and operates warehouse facilities throughout the United States and abroad.

Secured Creditor Litigation: Represent large, national financial institutions in bankruptcy court in connection with debtor-in-possession financing, the enforcement of lien rights, sale of lender's collateral, plan issues, and relief from the automatic stay.

Buffets, LLC and its affiliated debtors: Represent Buffets, LLC one of the largest operators of buffet style restaurants in the United States with approximately 150 stores operating in more than 25 states. Buffets was the primary obligor on several term notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$46,168,000 as well as having over \$60 million in unsecured debt.

Remington Outdoor Company, Inc.: Represent one of the largest unsecured creditors in Remington's Chapter 11 case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

Published Work and Lectures

- 7th Annual Asset Recovery International Conference, Speaker, "Foreign Recognition of Office Holders and Use of Analogous Disclosure and Discovery as a Route to Securing Information and Achieving Recovery and Reorganisation," February 7, 2025
- Harneys Insolvency Insights Seminar, Speaker, "Recognition and Assistance in International Insolvencies," April 24, 2024
- *ABI Journal*, Co-Author, "Second Circuit's Purdue Decision Intensifies Debate," September 2023
- IBA Deals, Disruptions and Growth Areas in the Americas Conference, Moderator, "Bankruptcy in the Americas: Trends and Best Practices in the Wake of the Pandemic," December 7, 2021
- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, Speaker, "Almost Everything You Wanted to Know About Evidence"
- ABA Business Law Section, Speaker, "The 1, 2, 3s of Financial Statements"
- ABA Business Law Section, Panelist, Institute for the New Business Lawyer
- ABA Business Law Section, "Present Use of Legislative History"
- The Florida Bar, Speaker, "How Bankruptcy May Impact Commercial Litigation"
- University of Miami, Speaker, "Everything You want to Know About How Bankruptcy Affects Your Business Law Practice"
- The Florida Bar, Speaker, "Basic Bankruptcy Code and Rules You Must Know In A Nutshell"

Akerman Lawyers Ranked in Florida by *Super Lawyers Magazine*
July 16, 2024

Chambers USA Ranks Akerman Among the Nation's Best Law Firms in 2024
June 06, 2024

Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Law Practice Division, Chair (2010-2011)
- American Bar Association, Business Law Section Fellow, Business Bankruptcy Co-Chair of Sub-Committee
- The Florida Bar, Bankruptcy U.C.C. Committee, Member
- Dade County Bar Association, President (2011-2012)
- Bankruptcy Bar Association for Southern District of Florida, Member
- University of Florida, Levin College of Law, Board of Trustees

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2011-2025, Listed in Florida for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation - Bankruptcy
- *Chambers USA*, 2018-2024, 2012-2013, Ranked in Florida (South Florida) for Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- *South Florida Business Journal*, Recognized as One of 2023's "Most Influential Business Women"
- Miami-Dade Bar Association, Circle of Excellence Award, 2023
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2006, 2012-2024, Listed in Florida for Bankruptcy: Business
- National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), Emerging Leader, 2014
- *Business Leader* Magazine, 2012, Recognized as a "South Florida Women Extraordinaire"