



# Justin Ristau

Partner



Justin Ristau is a partner and chair of Bricker & Eckler's Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy group. Justin is a creditors' rights litigator, representing lenders on commercial loan defaults, including commercial foreclosure, replevin and state-court receiverships. Justin also represents clients in cases involving bankruptcy, bankruptcy litigation and reorganization, usually representing secured and unsecured creditors in bankruptcy cases or adversary proceedings involving preference and fraudulent transfer proceedings, nondischargeability proceedings and proceedings to determine the validity and priority of various claims or interests. In addition, Justin represents residential lenders in complex contested foreclosure actions, as well as against affirmative claims brought in state court, bankruptcy court, district court or on appeal.

## Professional & Community Activities

- Member, American Bankruptcy Institute

## Awards & Recognitions

- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America* (Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law), 2016–2019
- Rising Star, *Ohio Super Lawyers*, 2010–2016

## Bar Admissions & Activities

- Former Chair, Banking, Commercial and Bankruptcy Law Committee; Former Chair, Bankruptcy Subcommittee; Member, Banking, Commercial and Bankruptcy Law, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, Columbus Bar Association Bankruptcy Committee
- Admitted, U.S. Supreme Court

## Education

- University of Cincinnati College of Law (J.D.), 2002; Student Articles Editor and associate member, *University of Cincinnati Law Review*
- Hobart College (B.A.), 1999

## Experience

### Commercial foreclosure in multistate federal court case

Served as lead counsel to a secured lender on a federal court receivership case involving a broad range of issues across multiple states.

### Receiver representation for commercial properties in Ohio

Served as receiver's counsel on all issues related to property management, leasing and sale and assisted in the successful resolution of receivership cases across the state.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Contested residential mortgage foreclosures**

Served as Ohio counsel for a loan servicer, handling the broad spectrum of complex federal, state and common law issues that arose in the context of consumer financing and residential mortgage lending.