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Practice Groups

Creditors' Rights/Bankruptcy

Banking & Finance Law

Business

Areas of Emphasis

Bankruptcy and Workouts

Chapters 7, 11 & 13

Prosecution and Defense of Avoidance of

Fraudulent & Preferential Transfers

Adversary Proceeding Litigation

Commercial Collections

Commercial Transactions

Contract negotiations & drafting of leases

Promissory & cognovit notes

Security agreements

Admissions

Ohio Bar, 1996

U.S. District & Bankruptcy Courts, Northern District of Ohio, 1997

U.S. District & Bankruptcy Courts, Southern District of Ohio, 2004

Education

J.D., The Ohio State University College of Law, 1996

B.B.A., Kent State University, *cum laude* and General Honors with Distinction in Business

Management from the Honors College, 1993

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Chrysanthe E. Vassiles is a partner that concentrates her law practice in the creditors' rights/bankruptcy, collections, and business areas. She represents publicly-traded corporations, privately-held entities, financial institutions, trustees, receivers, secured creditors, creditors' committees, and unsecured creditors in Chapter 7 liquidation and Chapter 11 reorganization bankruptcy cases, including contested matters, complex fraudulent and preferential transfer cases, and nondischargeability adversary proceeding litigation; state court receiverships, commercial collection cases, foreclosures, and workouts; and contract negotiations.

Career highlights include:

- Represented Chapter 7 trustee in bankruptcy case involving complicated contested matters and adversary proceedings, culminating in global settlement amongst debtor, debtor's wife, another Chapter 7 trustee, largest unsecured creditors, and administrative claimants, successfully stemming the ongoing litigation.
- Represented Chapter 7 trustee in adversary proceedings to avoid and recover fraudulent and preferential transfers made as the result of the debtor's multi-million dollar Ponzi scheme.
- Successfully represented Chapter 7 trustee in intradistrict bankruptcy court litigation, ultimately resulting in the conversion and dismissal of a sham Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Represented secured lender/stalking horse bidder in contentious state court receivership and bankruptcy case, resulting in the sale of the debtor's assets to the secured lender/stalking horse bidder.
- Represented stalking horse bidder in the winning bid and purchase of a nationally franchised restaurant through a bankruptcy proceeding.
- Obtained favorable decision from the bankruptcy court as to debtor's interest in a half million dollar tax-deferred annuity.

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Background: Prior to joining Black McCuskey, Chrysanthe served two years as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Russ Kendig, Bankruptcy Judge for The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Canton Division, and five years as a Staff Attorney for Community Legal Aid Services, Inc. in Canton representing debtors in Chapter 7 liquidation and Chapter 13 reorganization bankruptcy cases.

Honors: Chrysanthe was named a Rising Star by *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine. A graduate of The Ohio State University College of Law, she was an Associate Editor of The Ohio State Law Journal, which published her Note entitled *Checkbook Journalism: It May Involve Free Speech Interests but It Is Not Free; Can Witnesses Be Prohibited from Selling Their Stories to the Media Under the First Amendment?*, 56 OHIO ST. L.J. 1619 (1995).

Community Involvement: Chrysanthe's civic and professional involvements include serving as a Board Member and Chairperson of the Supervisory Committee of the Dover-Phila Federal Credit Union; a Stark County Bar Association designee to the Attorney Constituent Group for the Northern District of Ohio Bankruptcy Court; an attendant at New Pointe Community Church; a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, the Stark County Bar Association, and the Tuscarawas County Bar Association; a planning committee member of the White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute and the William J. O'Neill Regional Bankruptcy Institute; and a member of various other civic and professional organizations.

Articles:

Recent Changes to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code: Debtor Name