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**Mark Robens—a partner with Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Postler, P.A.—has been with the Firm since 2013 after graduating from Stetson University College of Law. Mr. Robens represents clients in bankruptcy matters, federal or state court litigation matters, assignments for the benefit of creditors, out-of-court workouts and restructuring, and appeals. He has broad experience working with a variety of clients, including debtors, creditors, and trustees, individuals and corporations.**

Mr. Robens graduated magna cum laude from St. John Vianney College Seminary in 2004. For several years, he worked as a computer programmer for a small software company until he answered a higher calling to become a lawyer. In 2010, Mr. Robens entered Stetson University College of Law, where he joined the Stetson Law Review. In law school, he concentrated his studies in bankruptcy and trial advocacy. He also earned recognition for his significant pro bono work through the William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award.

#### EDUCATION

- St. John Vianney College Seminary, B.A. magna cum laude, 2004
- Stetson University College of Law, J.D., 2013

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

- The Florida Bar (all state courts)
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

#### HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Listed as Florida “Rising Star,” in the area of bankruptcy/insolvency practice in “Florida Super Lawyers” 2016-2023
- Listed as Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2021-2023
- Recipient, Certificate of Appreciation, Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association 2019
- Recipient, Pro Bono Award, Supreme Court of Florida 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Recipient, Judge Alexander Paskay Bankruptcy Award, 2013
- Recipient, William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award, 2013
- Recipient, Leadership Certificate, 2013
- Certificate in Concentration in Advocacy
- Judicial Intern, Hon. Catherine Peek McEwen, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Florida
- Judicial Intern, Hon. Gregory Holder, Florida’s Thirteenth Judicial Circuit
- Member, Stetson Law Review

#### MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association
- Member, Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Member, Federal Bar Association
- Member, American Bankruptcy Institute
- Member, American Bar Association
- Volunteer, Bay Area Legal Services
- Volunteer, St. Michael’s Legal Center for Women and Children
- Former Foster Parent

## PUBLICATIONS

- Caveat Emptor: What a Buyer Knows Could Hurt Them – ABI Business Reorganization Newsletter, March 10, 2016
- The Tension Between the Homestead Exemption and the Wildcard Exemption: When is a Debtor Receiving the Benefits of the Homestead Exemption? – The Cramdown, Summer 2015
- Stern, Sharif, and the Purple Elephant – The Cramdown, (co-authored with Amy Harris), Winter 2015

## REPRESENTATION

- *In re Aero-Marine Technologies*, successfully confirmed joint plan that resolved several million dollars in debts;
- *Arizona Pet Stylist*, successfully defended client in litigation involving alleged breach of contract claims by PEO company;
- *In re Burgo*, successfully confirmed chapter 11 plan in individual bankruptcy case;
- *In re Callaway*, represented Chapter 7 Trustee on objection to exemptions that had a favorable result for the estate;
- *In re Caesar*, in this difficult pro bono case, confirmed a chapter 13 case avoiding a foreclosure matter for a disable, elderly client.
- *In re Defoor Centre, LLC*, successfully represented non-debtor client in litigation to avoid alleged preferences.
- *First National Bank & Trust v. Dortch*, successfully defended client in state court litigation involving complex financial transactions and guarantees.
- *In re Falestiny*, successfully defended clients against claims of bad faith in filing bankruptcy petition;
- *Florida Oil Services, Inc. v. Sunshine Lubes, LLC*, successfully represented client in state court litigation involving alleged breaches of lease agreement;
- *Fruitticher v. Beach Community Bank (In re Fruitticher)*, successfully represented client in an appeal in which the district court reversed and remanded a judgment declaring a debt owed by the client to be nondischargeable;
- *Healy v. Davidovich (In re Town Star Holdings)*, represented liquidating agent in litigation against former directors and officers for breaches of duties that resulted in favorable distributions to estate;
- *In re Kraz, LLC*, successfully confirmed cramdown plan after contested confirmation, including third party injunction. Successfully represented the client in an adversary proceeding on the amount of a claim;
- *Meininger v. Phillips (In re Apex Road Commercial, LLC)*, successfully represented client to judgment in defense of alleged preferences;
- *Nature's Calling, Inc.*, successfully defended client in arbitration;
- *In re O'Donnell*, successfully defended client in an objection to discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 727 through trial;
- *Rector v. Callaway (In re Callaway)*, successfully represented client in an adversary proceeding to judgment on non-dischargeability claim;
- *In re Rover Technologies, LLC*, successfully represented a minority shareholder in challenging debtor's effort to extinguish equity interest;
- *Seacoast Bank v. Healey (In re Healey)*, successfully defended debtor in objection to discharge and dischargeability proceeding in bankruptcy;
- *In re Seahorse Restaurants, LLC*, successfully confirmed Subchapter V plan of reorganization;
- *In re Simply Fit, LLC*, successfully confirmed Subchapter V plan or reorganization with complex landlord litigation;

- *In re Studio 28*, successfully confirmed plan of reorganization;
- *In re Summit View, LLC*, successfully represented client-creditor in fully recovery of claim against debtor estate.
- *Troupe v. Hendershott (In re Hendershott)*, successfully prosecuted to judgment non-dischargeability claims against debtor

#### REPORTED DECISIONS

- *Kraz, LLC v. Branch Banking and Trust Co. (In re Kraz, LLC)*, 2023 WL 377140 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. Jan. 24, 2023).
- *SCCY Industries, LLC v. Hickman (In re Hickman)*, 2023 WL 110550 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. Jan. 5, 2023).
- *In re Ayoub*, 643 B.R. 518 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. 2022).
- *Meininger v. Phillips (In re Apex Road Commercial, LLC)*, 2022 WL 2093358 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. June 3, 2022).
- *In re Defoor Centre, LLC*, 634 B.R. 630 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. 2021)
- *Bank of America, N.A. v. Elnicki*, 2020 WL 6870740 (M.D. Fla. Sept. 22, 2020)
- *Branch Banking and Trust Company v. Kraz, LLC*, 626 B.R. 432 (M.D. Fla. 2020)
- *Newcom v. U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (In re Newcom)*, 619 B.R. 758 (M.D. Fla. 2020)
- *In re Apex Road Commercial, LLC*, 2019 WL 10734070 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. June 28, 2019)
- *Fruitticher v. Beach Community Bank (In re Fruitticher)*, 2019 WL 1082355 (N.D. Fla. Mar. 7, 2019)
- *Kraz, LLC v. Branch Banking and Trust Company (In re Kraz)*, 582 B.R. 812 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. 2018)
- *Branch Banking and Trust Company v. Kraz, LLC*, 2017 WL 2894137 (M.D. Fla. July 6, 2017)
- *Kraz, LLC v. Branch Banking and Trust Company (In re Kraz, LLC)*, 570 B.R. 389 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. 2017)
- *In re HWA Properties, Inc.*, 544 B.R. 231 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. 2016)
- *In re Kraz, LLC*, 539 B.R. 887 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. 2015)
- *In re Rover Technologies, LLC*, 2015 WL 4247232 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. July 10, 2015)

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