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Steve Jakubowski is a partner in the firm's Restructuring & Insolvency Service Group. He has handled complex corporate bankruptcies and reorganizations for 25 years.

He has served as bankruptcy counsel in a number of high profile matters, including that of Carter Hawley Hale Stores Inc., where he acted as counsel to the debtor. Steve also was principally involved in representing the bankruptcy estate of the subprime auto lender Reliance Acceptance Group in its post-confirmation litigation over the failed split-off from Cole Taylor Bank in 1997. In addition, he has successfully handled matters on behalf of BioSafe Medical Technologies and Chicago Bulls star Scottie Pippen, and represented the Creditors' Committees in the bankruptcies of Jay's Snacks and Glazed Investments, a large Krispy Kreme franchisee.

Earlier in his career, Steve served as an officer of two reorganizing companies. The Delaware bankruptcy court appointed him chief operating officer of a public restaurant company in 1995, and as chairman and chief executive officer of New England's top regional snack manufacturer in 1996. In both engagements, Jakubowski successfully led the operating entity out of chapter 11 bankruptcy. He also has significant experience as a principal in the landfill gas-to-energy and renewable energy fields.

Steve is the founder and author of nearly all content on the [\*\*\*Bankruptcy Litigation Blog\*\*\*](#), the internet's first bankruptcy blog, which has received over 650,000 page visits since its inception in 2005. He also speaks annually on [\*\*\*Intellectual Property Licenses in Bankruptcy\*\*\*](#) at the Practising Law Institute's ***Advanced IP Licensing*** seminar in Chicago.

Steve's work in the General Motors bankruptcy case led to appearances on the CBS Evening News and Fox News Network. He has also been quoted in ***The Wall Street Journal***, ***The New York Times***, and several regional media outlets and bankruptcy publications.



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#### **Bar Admissions**

Illinois, 1985

#### **Court Admissions**

U.S. District Court, Northern District of  
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U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

#### **Education**

Union College, B.S., 1980

University of Chicago, J.D., 1985

#### **Memberships**

Turnaround Management Association

American Bar Association

American Bankruptcy Institute

ABA Specialized IP Issues Committee on IP Taxation, Bankruptcy and  
Security Interests

Illinois State Bar Association

Trial Bar, Northern District of Illinois

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