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**Practice Areas:**  
Litigation, Corporate Transactions, Commercial Bankruptcy, Restructurings and Creditors' Rights

Kurt concentrates his practice on representing clients in corporate matters, business disputes, corporate workouts and business bankruptcy cases. Kurt has extensive experience in a broad range of legal and business issues that companies must address in order to successfully navigate the marketplace, from the boardroom to the courtroom.

A seasoned and successful courtroom advocate and boardroom advisor, Kurt is able to draw on his decades of experience in negotiations and courtroom successes to his client's advantage by helping to shape strategies and suggest creative resolutions in order to achieve the best results possible.

Kurt has obtained highly successful verdicts, settlements and substantial resolutions involving fraud cases, D&O cases, contract actions and avoidance actions, among others. Additionally, he has successfully defended numerous defamation, lender liability and other suits brought against his corporate clients. He has worked with franchisors, franchisees, cooperatives, manufacturers, retailers, distributors, landlords, developers, private equity groups, professional service providers and financial institutions, among others.

He has appeared in over 300 business bankruptcy cases, and in one such case his efforts led to a tripling of the business's asset value through a strategic use of investment bankers and the implementation of an aggressive auction and bidding process. For a representative list of bankruptcy cases Kurt has been involved in, see attached.

## **IN THE PROFESSION**

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Early in its inception, Kurt served on the Bankruptcy Court Liaison Committee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, which continues to help facilitate information exchange and improve relations between bankruptcy practitioners and judges.

A frequent speaker on litigation, corporate transactions and insolvency matters, Kurt has published numerous articles and policy manuals for corporate clients.

Kurt is an author and one of the original editors for the American Bankruptcy Institute, Volo Circuit Court Opinion First Responder, 7th Circuit.

Kurt is recognized as a Super Lawyer, and has been recognized by the Leading Lawyers Network as a top Illinois lawyer in the areas of commercial bankruptcy and workout law, as well as creditors' rights since 2008.

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

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Over the years, Kurt has been a volunteer speaker for C.A.R.E, a national program that educates high school students on the dangers of easy credit as they embark on their college careers. He has also been a deacon of his church, a reader for the blind, a floor hockey coach and a youth baseball coach.

In addition, he is currently a USA Hockey Level 4 Hockey Coach, and is a legal advisor to the Vipers Youth Hockey Club. Kurt is also the Rules & Ethics Advisor for this AA youth hockey program.

## **BACKGROUND**

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Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D., 1990  
Michigan State University, B.A., 1987

Admitted: Kurt is admitted to practice in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. He is also admitted to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois; Central District of Illinois; Eastern District of Michigan; Eastern District of Wisconsin; Western District of Wisconsin; United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; and represents clients in other jurisdictions on a pro hac vice basis.

Memberships: Federal Trial Bar, Federal Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Illinois State Bar Association, Wisconsin Bar Association, American Bankruptcy Institute; Chicago Bar Association, and Milwaukee Bar Association, among others.

**Kurt M. Carlson**  
**Representative Bankruptcy Cases**

1300 North Wood, LLC  
319-321 Jefferson Street, LLC  
800 South Wells Phase II, LLC  
AeroNuevo, LLC  
Algonquin Tire Corp.  
Alpine Slicing & Cheese Conversion Company  
Anicom, Inc. and Mono Systems, Inc.  
Apollo MRI, Inc.  
Barrett Office Suites & Services, LLC  
Belvidere Labs, LLC  
Bridgeview Aerosol, LLC  
C And J Leasing Corp.  
Cabinet World, Inc.  
Caesars Entertainment Operating Company, Inc.  
Caguas Lumber Yard, Inc.  
Canopy Financial, Inc.  
Carnegie Realty Partners, LLC  
Conseco Finance Corp.  
Conseco, Inc.  
Corpus Christi Hardware, LLC  
Creative Design and Fabrication, Inc.  
Dearborn Residential, LLC  
Dearborn Retail, LLC  
Diamond Ring Expediting, Inc.  
Doctors Hospital of Hyde Park  
DR Dearborn Investment, LLC  
Dvorkin Holdings, LLC  
Eagle Food Centers, Inc.  
El Ranchito Michoacano, Inc.  
Endor, LLC  
Equipment Acquisition Resources, Inc.  
Erie Playce, LLC  
Falconridge, LLC  
Florsheim Group, Inc. and Rochester Shoe Tree Company, Inc.  
Gas City, Ltd.  
Geotest Instrument Corp.  
GKI Incorporated  
Glade 121, LP, a Texas limited partnership  
Grot Tool & Manufacturing, Inc.  
Ha-Lo Industries, Inc.  
Hartmann Properties, LLC  
Hearthside Homebuilders, Inc.  
Hedstrom Corporation  
Hollywood Boulevard Cinema, LLC  
JDM Management, LLC  
JDS Management, LLC  
John Morton Company  
John Zelenka Evergreen Nursery, Inc.  
Justin Tanks, LLC  
Kimball Hill, Inc.

Kmart Corporation  
Knight-Celotex, LLC  
Knox Roofing, Inc.  
Lake County Transportation System, Inc.  
Lake Dearborn, LLC  
LaSalle Commercial, LLC  
LB Steel, LLC  
Lightning Litho, Inc.  
Invsco Employee Services, Inc.  
Mack Industries, LTD  
Marchfirst, Inc.  
Masso Expo Corp.  
MCC Business, Inc.  
McCook Metal, LLC and CEBOS, LTD  
Michigan Health Care Corporation  
Mid-States Express, Inc.  
Mykono's Supper Club, Inc.  
Nahigian Brothers Galleries Incorporated  
National Steel Corporation  
Neumann Homes, Inc.  
New Hope Holding, LLC  
Northern Illinois Brick & Supply, Inc.  
OHCMC-Oswego, LLC  
Pamela FROG, LLC  
Photo Imaging Center, Inc.  
Pilsen lofts, LLC  
Prairie Mechanical, Inc.  
Resource Technology Corporation  
Restore Health Pharmacy, LLC  
Restore Holdings, LLC  
RML Capital Investment, LLC  
Rockford Packaging Systems, Inc.  
Rockford Products Corporation  
RWJ Management Co., Inc.  
Salta Group, Inc.  
Select Snacks, Inc.  
Shivripka, Inc.  
SK Hand Tool Corporation  
Switzer Products, LLC  
Sysix Technologies, LLC  
TCS Labs, LLC  
Textron Financial Corporation  
Triat Industries, Inc.  
UAL Corporation  
UAL Loyalty Services, Inc.  
United Air Lines, Inc.  
UsAerosols, LLC  
Wickes, Inc.  
Wildwood Industries, Inc.  
Winchester Builders, LLC  
XMH Corp.