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Paige Barr Tinkham is a partner in Blank Rome's Finance, Restructuring, and Bankruptcy practice group. Paige concentrates her practice on complex insolvency matters, litigation, and lending transactions, and clients trust her 20 years of experience developing business oriented, efficient, effective, and creative solutions.

Institutions of all sizes and nature across the country turn to Paige for her skillful representation in bankruptcy cases (including debtor-in-possession and exit financing, cash collateral, and other creditor disputes), receiverships, out-of-court creditor's rights matters, lending transactions, and federal and state court litigation.

Clients rely on Paige when facing complex, multimillion-dollar matters throughout the United States. She regularly serves as counsel for lenders to skilled nursing and assisted living facilities; manufacturing companies; office, hotel, and residential buildings; restaurant operators; and retail entities.

Engagements illustrative of Paige's vast experience include, serving as counsel to an administrative agent to a six-member bank group in the workout of a \$387 million loan to an equipment dealer, representing shareholders sued for \$1.4 billion in fraudulent transfer claims before the United States Supreme Court, and representing a global retail debtor operating over 300 stores in chapter 11 proceedings.

Crain's Chicago Business recognized Paige as a Notable Woman in Law in 2022 and 2024 for her impact on the industry and the community. She is also recognized by Best Lawyers in America in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law.

Since 2013, Paige has served as a board member of the non-profit Ascend Justice (formerly the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic of Cook County), which serves individuals impacted by gender-based violence or the child welfare system in the Chicago community. In addition to holding multiple officer positions, she served six years on the executive committee and three years as the president of the board.

Paige regularly presents to clients, and at industry conferences, on topics related to insolvency litigation. Her recent speaking engagements include:

- Presenter, Complex Financial Restructuring Program, American Bankruptcy Institute (“ABI”) (2024)
- Presenter, Workouts and Bankruptcy: Navigating Distress Prior to Bankruptcy, North Shore General Counsel Association (2024)
- Panelist, 12th Annual Distressed Forum for Bank Special Assets (Midwest), Information Management Network (“IMN”), “Navigating Successful Receiverships” (2023)
- Panelist, 11th Annual Distressed Forum for Bank Special Assets (Midwest), Information Management Network (“IMN”), “Navigating Successful Receiverships” (2022)
- Panelist, 10th Annual Distressed Forum for Bank Special Assets (Midwest), Information Management Network (“IMN”), “Navigating Successful Receiverships” (2021)

Select Engagements

- A secured lenders to owners and operators of skilled nursing facilities with respect to restructuring and workouts of revolving and term loans across the country, including Illinois, New Mexico, California, Arkansas, Nebraska, Michigan, Montana, and Massachusetts.
- A secured lender with claims in excess of \$54 million in receiverships of five skilled nursing facilities.
- A secured lender with claims in excess of \$33 million in workout of six skilled nursing facilities in Michigan.
- A secured lender with claims in excess of \$27 million in chapter 11 bankruptcy of assisted living facility.
- A secured lender with claims in excess of \$22 million in workout of 70 assisted living facilities across the country.
- A secured lender in chapter 11 bankruptcy of hospital borrower in New York.
- A secured lender in chapter 11 bankruptcy of skilled nursing facility borrowers in New York.
- A secured lender in receiverships and restructuring of loans to owners and operators of skilled nursing facility in Ohio.
- A secured lender in receiverships of owner and operator of assisted living facilities in Illinois.
- A secured lender in receivership of owners and operators of skilled nursing facilities in Wisconsin.
- A secured lender in receivership of owner and operator of skilled nursing facilities in Massachusetts.

- A secured lender in receivership of office buildings in New York.
- An administrative agent to six-member bank group in the workout of a \$387 million loan to an equipment dealer.
- An administrative agent to five-member bank group in the workout of a \$200 million loan to an ecommerce retail brand.
- administrative agent in the workout of a \$35 million loan to an industrial steel producer.
- administrative agent in the bankruptcy and restructuring of over \$129 million in loans to a mall owner in Florida, Kentucky and Texas.
- A secured lender in workout of \$25 million hotel construction loan.
- A secured lender in workout of \$130 million loan to mall owner.
- An administrative agent in workout of \$182 million loan to owner of office building.
- An administrative agent in workout of \$80 million construction loan to owner of office buildings.
- An administrative agent in workout of \$116 million construction loan to owner of residential buildings.
- A secured lender in chapter 11 bankruptcy of borrower that operated 29 restaurants in 13 states.
- A secured lenders in breach of guaranty, fraud and related claims across the country.
- A shareholders sued for \$1.4 billion in fraudulent transfer claims that were litigated to the United States Supreme Court.
- A repo lender sued for \$200 million in fraudulent transfer and preference claims in bankruptcy court.
- A global retail debtor operating over 300 stores in chapter 11 proceeding.

Admissions

- Illinois
- Michigan
- U.S. District Court - Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court - Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court - Western District of Michigan
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Memberships

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Turnaround Management Association
- Secured Finance Network

Education

- University of Pittsburgh, BA
- DePaul University College of Law, JD

Recognitions

- 2023–2024, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law in Chicago, IL, listed in *Best Lawyers in America*©
- 2022 & 2024, Notable Women in Law, listed in *Crain's Chicago Business*
- 2016–2020, listed in *Super Lawyers*
- 2017, listed in *The Legal 500 United States*
- 2014, “Rising Star,” listed in *Super Lawyers*

Professional Activities

While in law school, Paige served as the editor in chief of the *DePaul Business and Commercial Law Journal*. She also served as an intern for the Honorable Susan P. Sonderby of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois.