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Practice Areas:

- Bankruptcy and Restructuring
- Commercial Litigation
- Creditors' Rights
- Real Estate

Joshua Dobin, partner with Meland Budwick, P.A, assists clients in troubled real estate situations and represents real estate developers, investors, and purchasers in all types of distressed situations and non-distressed real estate. Joshua also focuses his practice on bankruptcy, reorganization and out-of-court workouts, including the representation of debtors, creditor committees, investors, secured lenders, and trustees.

Joshua serves as post confirmation Plan Administrator for the Puig bankruptcy estates, at one time the largest condominium converter in Florida.

EDUCATION

- University of Miami, J.D., 1996
- Yeshiva University, B.A., 1993

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- Northern District of Florida
- Southern District of Florida

MEMBERSHIPS

- Past First Vice President, Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida, 2003-2004
- Member, Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida

AWARDS & RANKINGS

- Lawdragon, 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers, 2025-2026
- The Best Lawyers in America, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2022-2027

PUBLICATIONS & PANELS

- Moderator, “Other Critical Considerations in Today’s Real Estate Market,” ReDeal Conference, 2025

Representative Matters

Bankruptcy

Served as Chapter 11 counsel to IT’SUGAR LLC, a specialty candy retailer with approximately 100 stores and over 700 employees across 28 states. Through extensive negotiations with dozens of landlords, IT’SUGAR was able to obtain millions of dollar in pre and post-petition rent relief, restructure vendor debt, and successfully confirm a Chapter 11 plan of reorganization.

Represented owner of Grand Bay Hotel in Coconut Grove in workout with lender.

Real Estate, Corporate

Represented private investor in connection with acquisition of several portfolios of triple-net lease restaurant properties located in six states from an institutional Seller and negotiating and closing of CMBS loan as part of transaction.

General outside counsel to a multi-facility healthcare and nursing home company.

Commercial Litigation

Representation of the owner of a retail shopping center in Ft. Myers, Florida in a commercial foreclosure action that resulted in a favorable workout.

Representation of the owner of commercial property on International Drive in Orlando, Florida in a commercial foreclosure action. Obtained a favorable workout that allowed our client to keep the property.

Representation the owner of commercial property in downtown Key West in multiple foreclosure actions and obtained a favorable workout that enabled the client to keep its properties.

Represented the owner of commercial property in Palm Beach County, Florida in a commercial foreclosure action that resulted in a highly favorable settlement.

Commercial Litigation, Creditors' Rights

Representation of a noteholder in commercial foreclosure actions over multiple properties in Miami-Dade. Obtained foreclosure judgments.

Bankruptcy and Restructuring, Commercial Litigation

Successfully reorganized a 147-unit condominium hotel in South Florida in a chapter 11 reorganization proceeding. Successfully negotiated with multiple levels of secured and unsecured creditors to obtain a highly favorable result.

Condominium Developer Workouts – during the downturn of the real estate and condominium market, representing numerous developers in workouts with senior secured and mezzanine lenders.

Bankruptcy and Restructuring

Represented Lexi Development Company, Inc., the owner of the Lexi condominium mixed use development, in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy, in which the Debtor successfully eliminated default interest, avoiding foreclosure and preserving equity for the benefit of the Debtor's principals.

Represented Creditors Committee in Cabi Downtown, LLC (Everglades by the Bay); twin 49 story downtown Miami condominium towers with over $200 million in debt.

Represented 3900 Biscayne, LLC, the owner of the property formerly known as the Channel 10 property on Biscayne Blvd. in Miami, Florida, in its chapter 11 reorganization from which the Debtor emerged with a confirmed plan after successfully resolving its disputes with BB&T Bank and its other creditors, avoiding foreclosure and preserving equity for the benefit of equity holders.

Represented Sagamore Partners, Ltd., the owner of Sagamore, The Art Hotel located on South Beach, Florida, in its chapter 11 reorganization from which the Debtor emerged with a confirmed plan and successfully reinstated its CMBS secured loan obligations, while avoiding the payment of more than $8 million in default interest and attorneys' fees over the objection of the special servicer, LNR Partners, LLC. Successfully avoided foreclosure and preserved equity for the benefit of the Debtor's principals.

Bankruptcy and Restructuring, Creditors' Rights

Representation of the official committee of unsecured creditors in Chapter 11 case of Banah International.

Receiverships and Assignments

Represented D. Whittelsey, Inc., d/b/a Whittelsey Wood Products, Inc., as Assignor in an Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors filed in the Circuit Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit, in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Represented Philp J. von Kahle as Assignee in the Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors of Auto 7, Inc., filed in the Circuit Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit, in and for Broward County, Florida. Represented Assignee in connection with efforts to

stabilize and operate the company, market and sell assets and review claims and causes of action in efforts to obtain a recovery for creditors.

News

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