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Ori Katz is a partner in the Finance and Bankruptcy Practice Group in the firm's San Francisco office and a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Areas of Practice

Ori specializes in business bankruptcies and other aspects of insolvency law. He has represented debtors, individual creditors, creditors' committees, parties purchasing assets out of bankruptcy and parties involved in bankruptcy litigation. He has successfully reorganized companies in a wide range of industries, including real estate, retail, construction, biotech, agriculture, telecommunications, media and the internet. He has also represented lenders in connection with receiverships, loan workouts, restructurings, foreclosures and borrower bankruptcies, and acted as receivership counsel in connection with various appointments. Ori is a frequent speaker on matters relating to bankruptcy and insolvency law.

Honors

Best Lawyers in America (Litigation - Bankruptcy), *Best Lawyers*, 2024-2026

Top Bankruptcy Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2022

Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy

500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers, *Lawdragon*, 2020, 2022-2024

Leading Bankruptcy/Restructuring Lawyer, *Chambers and Partners*, 2013-2025

Best Lawyers in America (Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law), *Best Lawyers*, 2017-2024, 2026

Lawyer of the Year, (Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law), *Best Lawyers*, 2019, 2023, 2025

Northern California Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers*, 2014-2025

Northern California Rising Star, *Super Lawyers*, 2010-2013

Listed in *Legal 500*, 2012

Co-Chair, *California Bankruptcy Forum*, 23rd Annual Insolvency Conference (May 2011)

Articles

Finance & Bankruptcy Law Blog

- "Dealing with the Financial Impact of the Coronavirus," March 6, 2020

Media Mentions

Strategies for Borrows in Problem Credit Situations with Sheppard Mullin's Ori Katz
Small Fortune Podcast, 09.02.2025

Imperial Toy Plans Sale to Ja-Ru
The Deal, 11.19.2019

Patriot National D&O Payouts Can Resume, Judge Says
Law360, 04.02.2018

Lawsuit Claims Profit Rights to Martin Scorsese's 'Silence' Were Fraudulently Transferred
The Hollywood Reporter, 02.01.2017

Crunchies Food Snags Disclosure Statement Approval
The Deal Pipeline, 05.07.2015

Crunchies Wins Sale Nod
The Deal Pipeline, 10.23.2014

Vail Lake wins fourth exclusivity extension
The Deal Pipeline, 09.26.2014

Vail Lake wins sale approval
The Deal Pipeline, 09.02.2014

Speyside Fund to acquire Pacific Steel assets
The Deal Pipeline, 08.07.2014

Easy Life Furniture to liquidate in Chapter 11
The Deal Pipeline, 05.02.2014

PSC secures final DIP use
The Deal Pipeline, 04.11.2014

Vail Lake extends exclusivity
03.20.2014

MMFX exits Chapter 11
Daily Deal/The Deal, 08.12.2011

MMFX Steel set to exit in August
Daily Deal/The Deal, 07.27.2011

MMFX wins access to reduced DIP

Daily Deal/The Deal, 03.03.2011

MMFX seeks final clearance to use DIP

Daily Deal/The Deal, 12.23.2010

MMFX Steel joins Canadian affiliates in Ch. 11

Daily Deal/The Deal, 12.14.2010

Speaking Engagements

Speaker, *Recent Developments in (1) Diocesan Bankruptcy Cases, and (2) Agricultural Distress*, presented to the Central California Bankruptcy Association, Annual Institute, September 27, 2025

Speaker, *CRYPTO COLLAPSE: What Does 2023 Hold in Store for the Crypto World?*, presented by Turnaround Management Association, January 25, 2023

Speaker, *Navigating Bankruptcy Without Sinking the Ship*, presented by ADR Services, Inc., July 27, 2022

Speaker, *Cryptocurrency and Blockchain: What Is It? How Does It Apply to Restructurings and Bankruptcy?*, presented to the ABI Winter Leadership Conference, December 11, 2021

Speaker, *Delivering The Sizzle and The Steak In Sub. Chapter V Cases*, presented to the Central California Bankruptcy Association 2021 Institute, September 23, 2021

Speaker, *Subchapter V: Practical Insights from the Leading Edge*, presented to the Northern California Chapter, Turnaround Management Association, March 31, 2021

Speaker, *Techniques in Valuing and Selling Closely Held Businesses*, presented to the Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum, January 14, 2020

Speaker, *The Party's Over; Now, Who's Cleaning Up?: The Post-Apocalyptic Landscape Following a § 363 Sale*, presented at the ABI's Winter Leadership Conference, December 6, 2019

Speaker, *Recent Developments in Business Bankruptcy*, presented at the Bar Association of San Francisco's Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section's Annual Symposium, October 22, 2019 and November 6, 2019

Speaker, *Business Bankruptcy Developments in 2019*, presented at the Western Bankers Association, Bank Counsel Seminar, October 10, 2019

Speaker, *Recent Developments in Business Bankruptcy*, presented at the Bar Association of San Francisco's Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section's Annual Symposium, October 23, 2018 and November 7, 2018

Speaker, *Insolvency Issues in Business Cases*, presented by the Sacramento Valley Bankruptcy Forum, 2018 Fall Symposium, November 9, 2018

Speaker, *Bankruptcy & Tax: Navigating the Perilous Waters of the New Tax Code*, presented by the Bar Association of San Francisco's Commercial Law and Bankruptcy section, September 11, 2018

Speaker, *The Fight Between Secured Creditors and Junior or Unsecured Creditors in Bankruptcy*, presented at the ABI's Bankruptcy Battleground West Conference, March 6, 2018

Speaker *Recent Developments in Business Bankruptcy*, presented at the Bar Association of San Francisco's Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section's Annual Symposium, November 7, 2017

Speaker, *Gift-Wrapped Sales and Structured Dismissals*, presented by the Bay Area Bankruptcy Judges' Conference, April 14, 2017

Speaker, *Cutting Edge Chapter 11 Issues*, presented by the Central California Bankruptcy Institute, September 23, 2016

Speaker, *Technology and IP – Distressed Asset Sale Processes and Issues*, presented by the Special Assets Management Association, October 22, 2015

Speaker, *Stacking the Deck: Identifying and Protecting Assets and Pre-Petition Business Performance*, presented by the California Bankruptcy Forum, 27th Annual Insolvency Conference, May 16, 2015

Speaker, *Individual Chapter 11 Cases*, presented at the ABI's Bankruptcy Battleground West Conference, March 24, 2015

Moderator, *Financing the Business Receivership*, presented by the California Receiver's Forum at the Loyola VI Complex Case Symposium, January 24, 2015

Speaker, *5th Annual Year End Restructuring Market Review*, presented by the Turnaround Management Association, November 20, 2014

Speaker, *All the World's a Stage (Mock Cross Examination)*, presented by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, 88th Annual Meeting, Plenary Session, October 10, 2014

Speaker, *Hot Topics: Substantive Consolidation in Bankruptcy Cases*, presented by the California State Bar, Business Law Section, Webinar, May 29, 2014

Moderator, *A Judges' Discussion of Best Practices for Effective Advocacy Revisited*, presented by the California Bankruptcy Forum, 26th Annual Insolvency Conference, May 17, 2014

Speaker, *Mock Hearing: Confirmation Issues*, presented at the ABI's 25th Annual Winter Leadership Conference, December 6, 2013

Speaker, *363 Sales – Is the Fast Track the Right One for You?*, presented by the ABI Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, August 23, 2013

Speaker, *Receivership vs. ABC vs. Bankruptcy*, presented by the California Receiver's Forum at the Loyola V Complex Case Symposium, January 19, 2013

Speaker, *Business Insolvency Essentials: Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and More*, presented by Pincus Professional Education, September 28, 2012

Speaker, *Special Asset Considerations in Chapter 11 Cases*, presented by the ABI Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, September 9, 2011

Speaker, *Real Estate Issues in Bankruptcy Cases*, presented by The Business, Commercial & Bankruptcy Law Section of the Barristers Club, December 6, 2010.

Speaker, *Recent Developments in Asset Sales*, presented by the California Law and Bankruptcy Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco, October 24, 2008

Program Moderator, *Bankruptcy Practice 101: An In-Depth Guide to Practice in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts Taught by Current and Former Law Clerks*, February 8, 2008

Memberships

Member, Insolvency Law Committee, Business Law Section, State Bar of California

Member, Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum

Member, State Bar of California

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Bar Association of San Francisco

Podcasts & Webinars

Nota Bene Episode 140: Navigating Troubled Company Acquisitions in the Wake of COVID-19 with Ori Katz (Summer Repeat)
08.25.2021

Nota Bene Podcast Episode 132: 2021 Business Bankruptcy Trends with Ori Katz
06.30.2021

Practices

Bankruptcy and Restructuring

Bankruptcy Litigation

Commercial Lending and Financial Transactions

Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities ("CMBS")

Distressed Acquisitions Under Bankruptcy Code
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Distressed Real Estate Loan Workouts and Enforcement

Municipal and Public Entity Restructuring

Industries

Blockchain
Blockchain and Fintech
Financial Services
Fintech

Education

J.D., Boston University, 2000, *magna cum laude*
B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1996

Clerkships

Extern to the Honorable Lynne Riddle, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California
Extern to the Honorable William C. Hillman, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Boston, Massachusetts

Admissions

California
Federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
Northern, Southern, Eastern and Central District Courts of California