

Brouse McDowell's Bankruptcy Group Welcomes Two New Attorneys

Brouse McDowell is pleased to welcome Julie Kaplan Zurn and Douglas G. Walters as new additions to our Business Restructuring, Bankruptcy, and Commercial Law Practice Group.

Joining Brouse as a Partner in our Akron office, Kaplan Zurn brings a wealth of experience advising debtors, creditors, and trustees in bankruptcy in Federal and State Courts; successfully advising clients through a range of legal issues related to financial difficulties, including, out of court negotiation with creditors to modify or restructure debt, recovery of disputed receivables, and the wind down of small businesses; and continuing to serve as Chapter 7 Panel Trustee for the Bankruptcy Court in the Northern District of Ohio since November 1, 2019. Prior to joining Brouse, Kaplan Zurn ran her own private practice. She is deeply familiar with all aspects of administering bankruptcy cases, as she is leveraging 10+ years as a Career Law Clerk to Hon. Marilyn Shea-Stonum in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio at Akron. Kaplan Zurn is the founder of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation's Northeast Ohio Network.

Kaplan Zurn received her BA from the University of Wisconsin, and her JD, cum laude, from The Ohio State University School of Law.

Walters joins as an Associate in our Cleveland Office. He joins Brouse from a large Cleveland-based law firm where he practiced in the Business Restructurings, Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy Group. Walters has experience advising clients in complex workouts, debt restructurings and reorganizations,

secured lenders in bankruptcy proceedings, and debtors in Chapter 11 bankruptcies. He has successfully utilized various judgment-creditor remedies, while representing large, mid-sized, domestic and foreign companies in a multitude of cases. Walters received his BA, cum laude, from The Ohio State University, and his JD from the Wake Forest University School of Law.

Brouse McDowell's Business Restructuring, Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Practice assists clients in transactions, multi-party negotiations and litigation concerning the financing of their operations, business reorganization, and debt restructuring, as well as their commercial relationships with customers and vendors. Our attorneys regularly handle issues arising under the Bankruptcy Code and state receivership statutes, as well as those arising under the Uniform Commercial Code, including sales of goods, leases, checks and negotiable instruments, loan transactions, letters of credit, and security interests and liens.