

# Dykema's Growing Bankruptcy Practice Adds Basil A. Umari and Nicholas Zugaro

Dykema, a leading national law firm, today announced the addition of Basil A. Umari and Nicholas Zugaro as senior counsel to the firm's Bankruptcy Practice Group in Texas. Both attorneys join Dykema from the boutique law firm they co-founded, Umari Zugaro, PLLC. Additionally, Dykema expects to expand its Bankruptcy Practice Group by adding more talent in the near future.

In their respective practices, both Umari and Zugaro have experience representing debtors, liquidating trustees, official creditors' committees, secured creditors, unsecured creditors, equity holders, officers and directors, patent holders, landlords, tenants, and asset purchasers in numerous corporate bankruptcy cases in New York, Delaware, Texas and other venues. Each has a background working in a variety of industries, including oil & gas, healthcare, construction, food service, retail, and manufacturing.

Both Umari and Zugaro also have extensive bankruptcy litigation experience defending numerous companies in preference actions and claims objections brought by trustees. They've also tried numerous complex commercial cases to juries and the bench in state and federal court.

Umari earned a J.D., with honors, from the University of Texas School of Law and a B.A., cum laude, in Mathematics, Philosophy from Amherst College. Zugaro earned a J.D., cum laude, from the University of Houston Law Center and a B.S. in Economics from Texas A&M University.