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Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is
self-given. Be careful.

-John Wooden

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Anthony Austin is a prominent attorney in our financial restructuring, bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice group, where he works on matters including collection and judgment work, breach of contract, partnership disputes and receiverships. He represents financial institutions, debtors, creditors, and trustees in all phases of complex litigation and restructuring transactions, including trials and appeals. As an experienced bankruptcy attorney, Anthony has a wide range of commercial litigation experience involving foreclosures, receiverships and guarantor litigation.

His experience as a bankruptcy attorney has him representing clients at trial and various types of hearings before the Bankruptcy Court, District Court, and Arizona Supreme Court. He is also adept at litigation matters involving the rapidly evolving cannabis industry and partnered on a precedent-setting bankruptcy case involving marijuana investors and distributors.

Growing up near the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, where his dad was a park ranger who helped open Kartchner Caverns to the public, Anthony has always had a great love for Arizona – and helping people – and knew from an early age he wanted to be a lawyer. These passions shape his view of his civil practice to this day where selling and merging companies really means saving jobs, keeping companies open, and maintaining the legacy of small business owners and their jobs that support hundreds of family members.

Outside his work as a debt attorney, Anthony loves spending time in the great outdoors with his wife and three kids, exploring and camping in areas like Prescott, Cottonwood, Show Low, the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and the Carlsbad Caverns. Although he is a lifelong Cubs fan and grew up listening to Harry Caray on WGN Radio, his love for baseball carried into the

Southwest, and he now often enjoys a cold beer with a hot dog at Arizona Diamondbacks games.

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, *cum laude*

B.S., Political Science, Northern Arizona University, *summa cum laude*

Staff Writer, *Arizona Law Review*, 2005-2007

Law Clerk, Pima County Attorney's Office, Criminal Division, 2005-2006

Extern, The Hon. David C. Bury, U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, Fall 2005

AREAS OF PRACTICE

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Bankruptcy

Litigation

Financial Restructuring

Business Litigation

AWARDS AND HONORS

Best Lawyers in America®, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2019-2027

Top Lawyer – Bankruptcy & Reorganization, *Phoenix Magazine*, 2026

Southwest Super Lawyers®, Creditor/Debtor Rights, 2022-2026

Top Lawyers, *Phoenix Magazine*, 2025

Member of the Year, Maricopa County Bar Association, 2024

Southwest Rising Stars®, Creditor/Debtor Rights, 2015-2021

Emerging Leaders Award, M&A Advisors, 2018

AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated (the highest rating available), by Martindale-Hubbell

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Quoted, "Supplement Co. Inks \$1.7M Deal Ending Toxic Drink Claims", *Law360*, January 12, 2022

Interview, "Engage with people and build relationships in everything you do and life won't seem like work," Fennemore Blog, December 9, 2021

Co-author, "Tenant Defaults and Bankruptcies," Fennemore Client Alert, May 27, 2020

Author, "The CARES Act – Amendments to the Small Business Reorganization Act," Fennemore Client Alert, March 31, 2020

Co-author, "Effects of Trademark Licenses in Bankruptcy," Fennemore Client Alert, March 20, 2020

Co-author, "The Evolving Demand for Retail Spaces," *Commercial Property Executive*, February 4, 2019

Speaker, "Imagine the (Bankruptcy) Possibilities," State Bar of Arizona 2018 Annual Convention, June 29, 2018

Speaker, "Ethics Issues for the 21st Century Lawyer," State Bar of Arizona, June 15, 2018

Speaker, "Dinner in Distress: Challenges and Solutions for the Restaurant Industry," Turnaround Management Association, Arizona Chapter, April 24, 2018

Author, "Feedback: November 2017," *InBusiness*, November 1, 2017

Moderator, "Technology in the Courtroom," 25th Annual Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, September 8, 2017

Co-author, "U.S. v. McIntosh – New Ninth Circuit Case," Fennemore Client Alert, August 22, 2016

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Board Member, Habitat for Humanity of Central Arizona

Member, State Bar of Arizona

Trustee, Maricopa County Bar Foundation

Member, State Bar of Nevada

Member, American Bankruptcy Institute

Member, Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court

Planning Committee, Turnaround Management Association

Immediate Past Chair, Bankruptcy Section, State Bar of Arizona

Immediate Past President, NPH USA Southwest Region

ADMISSIONS

Arizona

Nevada

Texas

U.S. District Court, District of Arizona

U.S. District Court, District of Nevada