



ERIK JOHANSON PLLC



Attorney Overview

Erik Johanson's practice includes commercial bankruptcy, business litigation, commercial litigation, appeals, local counsel services, and general civil litigation.

Erik began his career in private practice in Tampa, FL where he represented debtors, creditors, and bankruptcy trustees in commercial chapter 7 and 11 bankruptcy cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida. Erik left private practice in 2015 to serve a two-year term as a judicial law clerk to United States District Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich. During his clerkship, Erik oversaw Judge Kovachevich's docket of civil cases and bankruptcy appeals. Erik founded Erik Johanson PLLC in July of 2020.

Practice Areas

Commercial bankruptcy
Commercial Litigation
Business Litigation
Appeals
Local Counsel
General Civil Litigation

Honors and Awards

2022 Top Lawyers – Tampa Magazine - Bankruptcy/creditor debtor rights/insolvency & reorganization law

Super Lawyers Rising Star in civil Litigation and business bankruptcy (2019 through the present)

Finalist & Outstanding Brief Award – 21st Annual Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition, New York, N.Y. (2013)

Hon. Alexander Paskay Bankruptcy Award (2013)

American College of Bankruptcy Distinguished Law Student Program (2013)

William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award (2013)

Best Brief & Finalist – National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition, Washington, D.C. (2012)

Finalist – 20th Annual Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition, New York, N.Y. (2012)

Education

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, Stetson University College of Law, May 2013

Bachelor of Science, Finance & Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, Florida State University, December 2009

Court Admissions

Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
United States Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida
United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida
All Florida State Courts

Publications and Presentations

The “ABCs” of Bifurcation, 2022 Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar, American Bankruptcy Institute, Tampa, Florida (March 29, 2022)

How to Practice Law in a Working from Home Environment, Tampa Bay Paralegal Association Annual Seminar, Tampa, Florida (March 11, 2022)

Examination and Admissibility of Expert Witnesses, Northern District of Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association, Panama City, Florida (September 27-28, 2018)

Preserving Florida's Federal Judicial History, Florida Bar News, Erik Johanson (June 15, 2018)

The Use of Wills and Asset Protection Trusts in Fraud and Other Financial Crimes, 65 Drake Law Rev. 509, Nicole F. Stowell, Erik Johanson, & Carl Pacini (2d Quarter 2017)

Hypothetically it's an Actual Test, The Cramdown, Erik Johanson (Winter 2015)

Mission Intouable: This Homebuilder Will Self-Destruct in Six Months, 23 Norton Journal of Bankr. Law and Prac. 154, Erik Johanson (2014)

Three Ways Vendors Can Avoid Delco Pitfalls, The Cramdown, Erik Johanson (Spring 2012)

Professional and Civic Activities

Federal Bar Association, Tampa Bay Chapter, Board of Directors (2016 – Present)

Florida Bar Federal Practice Committee, Vice Chair (2017 – Present)

Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association, Board of Directors (2018 – Present)

Federalist Society (2017 – Present)

Florida Bar Leadership Academy (2016 – 2017)

Ferguson-White American Inn of Court (2015 – 2019)

William Reece Smith Litigation American Inn of Court (2014 – 2015)

Legal Experience

Managing Attorney, Erik Johanson, PLLC, 3414 W. Bay to Bay Blvd., Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33629 (2020 – Present)

Attorney, Jennis Law Firm, 606 E. Madison Street, Tampa, FL 33602 (2018 – 2020)

Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. Elizabeth A. Kovachevich, United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, 801 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602 (2015 – 2018)

Attorney, Jennis & Bowen, P.L., 400 N. Ashley Drive, Tampa, FL 33602 (2013 –2015)