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Brian Rich's practice includes representation of distressed companies, commercial debtors in bankruptcy, creditors' committees, Trustees, Receivers, Court appointed fiduciaries and secured and unsecured creditors, including on institutional lenders. He has served as the firm's lead bankruptcy counsel in numerous complex Chapter 11 cases, spanning various industries, including healthcare, real estate, retail, and hospitality. Brian has overseen the reorganization and, where appropriate, the wind-down of large cases with claims ranging from the millions to over $1.5 billion for clients throughout Florida and nationally. Additionally, he represents real estate developers in out-of-court restructurings, with a focus on developers of multi-family projects, student housing and hospitality projects. Mr. Rich also represents Bankruptcy Trustees, Assignees and Court appointed Receivers and fiduciaries in numerous complex cases seeking recovery for victims of financial frauds, including Ponzi schemes.

Having practiced through multiple cycles of economic up-turns and down-turns, including the Great Recession and then the global pandemic, Mr. Rich's diverse experience has allowed him to become a trusted advisor to numerous clients that he and the firm have represented for many years. He received his J.D. from University of Miami and B.S. from Temple University. He has served on the Board and as the President of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Northern District of Florida. Additionally, he has served on the Board and as the Executive Vice-President for the Hang Tough Foundation, a not for profit organization that serves families in the Big Bend Region during their journey with childhood illness and special needs.

Education

J.D., University of Miami School of Law
B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance, Temple University

Bar Admissions

Florida
U.S. District Court, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida

Practice Teams

Business Reorganization

Practice Areas

Administrative Hearings & Appeals
Bankruptcy Litigation
Bankruptcy/Restructuring
Healthcare
Hospitality & Leisure
Real Estate

Representative Matters

- Debtor Counsel to National Automobile Lenders, Inc.
- Debtor Counsel to Campbellton-Graceville Hospital Corporation
- Debtor Counsel to Bermo Enterprises
- Debtor Counsel to AT&T Latin America
- Debtor Counsel to Aloha Airlines in their two Chapter 11 cases (filed in Honolulu HI)
- Debtor Counsel to Pharmed Group Holdings and its subsidiaries
- Debtor Counsel to CDS Manufacturing, Inc.
- Debtor Counsel to American Home Builders
- Counsel to Home Bancshares Inc in its acquisition of Premier Bank Holding Company
- Counsel to Real Estate Developers in distress situations throughout the State
- Counsel to Bankruptcy Trustees
- Lender counsel in Renata Resort's Chapter 11 bankruptcy case
- Counsel to Bankruptcy Trustee in the Loraine Brooke, Inc. case in which the rights to the book "If I Did It" related to the O.J. Simpson murder trial were sold

Awards & Honors

- *Legal 500's "US Elite: Miami and Florida"*
  - Finance and Restructuring, 2026

- *Chambers & Partners USA, America's Leading Business Lawyers*, Bankruptcy Restructuring, 2007-2026: Bankruptcy Litigation 2025, 2026
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2014-2024; 2026-2027
    - *Best Lawyers*, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Lawyer of the Year (Tallahassee), 2020
- *Lawdragon 500*, named among the nation's 500 Leading Lawyers in Bankruptcy and Restructuring, 2023-2026
- *Florida Super Lawyers,* 2008-2026
- *Florida Trend,* Legal Elite, 2005-2013, 2015-2016
- Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year (Middle Market) for HearUSA, *M&A Advisor's* 6th Annual Turnarounds Awards, 2012
- America's Leading Business Lawyers in 2007
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Preeminent™ rated

Community Activities / Associations

- Board Member for Hang Tough Foundation (2022-2024)
- Member, Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors
- Steering Committee for AIRA Newport 39th Annual Conference - Panel: Real Estate Workouts
- Tallahassee Bar Association Pro-Bono Program
- President of the Northern District of Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association (2012-2013)
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida
- Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Northern District of Florida

In the News

Physicians Practice, “What Practice Owners Need to Plan for in a Bankruptcy”
October 23, 2026

Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 33rd Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 20, 2026

Twenty-One Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 26, 2026

Berger Singerman Recognized by Chambers USA for 23rd Consecutive Year
June 4, 2026

Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in Legal 500’s 2026 “US Elite: Miami and Florida” Rankings
April 15, 2026

Berger Singerman Attorneys Listed in the 2026 Edition of Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers
March 13, 2026

Berger Singerman Attorneys Listed in the 2025 Edition of Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers
June 27, 2025

Twenty-Three Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 26, 2025

Fifty-Six Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2025 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 15, 2024

Berger Singerman Attorneys Listed in the 2023 Edition of Lawdragon’s 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers
June 20, 2023

Berger Singerman Recognized by Chambers USA for Twentieth Consecutive Year
June 1, 2023

Forty-Three Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2023 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 18, 2022

Twenty-three Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 27, 2022

Thirty-Nine Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2022 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 19, 2021

Nineteen Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2021 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 24, 2021

Berger Singerman’s Bankruptcy Litigation Practice Recognized As 2021 “Litigation Departments of the Year” By Daily Business Review
March 29, 2021

Thirty-Five Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2021 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 19, 2020

Twenty-Seven Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2020 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 8, 2020

Thirty Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2020 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 14, 2019

Twenty-Eight Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2019 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
May 29, 2019

Berger Singerman Recognized by Chambers USA for Sixteenth Consecutive Year
April 24, 2019

Thirty Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2019 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 14, 2018

Washington County News quotes Brian Rich in, "CGH Trustee: ‘Our neighbor stepped up and helped us"
July 31, 2018

Tallahassee Democrat: Briefcase: July 8
July 8, 2018

Thirty-One Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in 2018 Edition of Florida Super Lawyers
June 17, 2018

The Tallahassee Democrat recognized Brian Rich and Daniel Thompson on their 2018 Chambers USA achievement
June 3, 2018

Berger Singerman Recognized by Chambers USA for 15th Consecutive Year
May 2, 2018

Thirty Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2018 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 14, 2017

Thirty-Two Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2017 Super Lawyers Florida Edition
June 8, 2017

Berger Singerman Receives High Marks by Chambers USA for Fourteenth Consecutive Year
May 29, 2017

Twenty-Eight Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2017 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 14, 2016

Twelve Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2016 Edition of Florida Trend
June 21, 2016

Thirty-Six Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2016 Super Lawyers Florida Edition
June 13, 2016

Berger Singerman Receives High Marks by Chambers USA for Thirteenth Consecutive Year
June 1, 2016

Publications

Physicians Practice, “What Practice Owners Need to Plan for in a Bankruptcy”
October 23, 2026

Daily Business Review, "Distressed Hospital Trend Continues and the Potential Impact on South Fla. Grows"
August 20, 2018

South Florida Legal Guide, "What to Watch Out For – Diagnosing a Distressed Hospital"
January 7, 2018

Becker's Hospital Review, "What to watch out for – Diagnosing a distressed hospital"
June 28, 2017

Events & Speaking Engagements

Brian Rich, Panelist, “Cracks in the Market: Subprime Lending Under Pressure,” 2026 Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop, American Bankruptcy Institute
July 26, 2026

Brian Rich, Panelist, "Real Estate Bankruptcy Auctions: When, How & Why?" Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association Annual Seminar
August 11, 2023

Brian Rich, Panelist, "Update on Third-Party Releases, Injunctions and Bar Orders" Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar
February 21, 2023

Brian Rich, Speaker, "Business Bankruptcy Panel," ABA Spring Meeting
April 11, 2018

Brian Rich, Speaker, "Bankruptcy Code Puzzlers, Anomalies, Riddles and Rhymes," ABA Spring Meeting
February 25, 2018

Doing Business in Florida Blog

From Condemnation to Closing: How Berger Singerman Guided a 304-Unit Condominium Through Judicial Termination and a $20.5 Million Sale
September 2, 2026

Collaboration is Key to Successful Opportunity Zone Development in Florida
March 18, 2019

Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2017 – Big Changes for Big Banks
April 16, 2017

"Money for Nothing, but the Checks for Free" – Free Money for Fiduciaries
September 18, 2016

Approval of Bankruptcy Settlements – No Evidentiary Hearing Required
February 15, 2016