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"He is an extraordinary talent and enormously thoughtful with superb judgment. He excels at seeing around corners and anticipating problems before they become apparent." *Client testimonial to Chambers USA*

Paul Singerman is co-chair of Berger Singerman. His extraordinary attentiveness to and empathy for clients have helped him earn a reputation as one of the most effective restructuring lawyers in the state of Florida. Paul's other practice areas include complex bankruptcy and commercial litigation, representation of fiduciaries in state and federal court receiverships, corporate governance matters, and distressed business mergers and acquisitions.

Prior to his legal career, Paul was in business for eight years. His business experience informs his approach to problem-solving in legal matters. The clients with which he works appreciate his sensitivity to the business challenges they face. His understanding that for many clients dealing with lawyers and legal issues - primarily litigation related - is viewed as costly and a distraction and is often very stressful. Paul urges clients to focus on their self-care when working through material legal challenges in order to contribute to the best outcome in the case or matter and to set the right tone at the client's business most effectively.

Paul has been significantly involved in some of the highest-profile and most significant restructuring matters in Florida for over three decades. He represented Piper Aircraft Corporation in its extraordinarily successful chapter 11 case filed in 1991. Starting in 2000, Paul was lead counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the CHS Electronics case, and post-confirmation, he was lead counsel to the Liquidating Trustee.

Starting in 2009, Paul was lead counsel to the Chapter 11 trustee in the $1.3 billion Ponzi scheme case of the Rothstein, Rosenfeldt & Adler law firm. This case is the only Ponzi scheme case in the United States involving more than $1 billion in claims in which unsubordinated unsecured creditors received full payment on their claims. In that same year, he commenced the representation of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the chapter 11 case of Taylor Bean & Whitaker, then the largest non-bank mortgage originator in the country. That case involved more than $11.5 billion in claims.

Paul previously served as counsel to the court-appointed receiver in the tragic case of the collapse of the Champlain Towers South condominium building which resulted in 98 deaths. Additionally, he served as general counsel to James S. Feltman, the court-appointed receiver in the case filed by Citizens Bank N.A., against Elliot S. Smerling who engaged in a massive fraudulent scheme over a number of years involving federally insured banks with losses which exceeded over $136 million. Recently, Paul has been appointed to serve as the Court appointed receiver in the Smerling matter after Mr. Feltman resigned that role in order to take a position with United States Department of State.

More recently, Paul led the Berger Singerman team as co-counsel to the Red Lobster enterprise in its Chapter 11 cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division. The Red Lobster cases were amongst the largest bankruptcy cases ever filed in the Middle District of Florida. At the time of the filing, Red Lobster had annual revenue of nearly $2 billion, approximately 32,000 employees, and operated over 500 restaurants throughout the United States and Canada. Paul currently leads the Berger Singerman team in the representation of the court-appointed receivers in the Send Enterprises LLC Receivership and the Solar Eclipse Investment Fund Receivership cases. The Solar Eclipse case involves 23 separate entities in the consolidated receivership and relates to a nearly $2 billion fraud. The Send Enterprises receivership involves a failed real estate development project in Coconut Grove, Florida involving approximately $50 million in claims.

Paul strives to listen to and be sensitive to the needs of his clients. He has a daily meditation practice, and every day seeks to be better in all of his efforts than he was the day before.

Education

J.D., *with honors*, University of Florida Frederic G. Levin College of Law

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- Omicron Delta Kappa

B.A., *with highest honors*, University of Florida

Bar Admissions

Florida
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. District Court, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida
U.S. Supreme Court
District of Columbia

Practice Teams

Business Reorganization

Practice Areas

Appellate
Aviation
Bankruptcy Litigation
Bankruptcy/Restructuring
Complex Commercial Litigation
Corporate Governance
Distressed M&A & Restructuring
Healthcare