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- Insolvency & Reorganization
- Franchising

Jay has specialized in the areas of insolvency, creditors' rights and leasing law for over 30 years, representing creditors, debtors, secured lenders, lessors and creditors' committees. He is a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy and insolvency topics for such organizations as the Commercial Law League of America, the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Law Education Institute, the Equipment Leasing Association and the National Business Institute. He has also authored numerous articles discussing bankruptcy and creditors' rights issues and is the Practice Group Chair of the Firm's Insolvency and Reorganization practice.

Over the years, Jay has also developed a sophisticated corporate practice, under which he provides a variety of general corporate and litigation assistance to clients in a variety of industries, including banking, construction, manufacturing, trucking, service and leasing. Jay has specific expertise in franchising law, including the development of franchise systems. Jay also has assisted a variety of clients in the formation of joint ventures, including joint ventures seeking minority certification.

Jay received his BBA degree from the University of Michigan in 1979 and his law degree from Wayne State University School of Law in 1982. Jay is based in the Firm's Southfield office.