



Managing partner of the Minneapolis office and co-chair of the firm's Asset Revitalization and Special Servicer teams, Connie Lahn represents Fortune 500 companies and other business concerns across the country on bankruptcy law, workouts, equipment leasing, foreclosures, real estate remedies, commercial mortgage-backed securities defaults matters, including all related litigation, as well as in unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) matters.

Connie has represented financial institutions, creditors and equipment lessors in major restructurings, such as Hostess Brands, Petters Company, Polaroid Corporation, Delta Air Lines, Lyman Lumber Company and Northwest Airlines. She has represented a number of national clients with workouts and foreclosures of their major loan portfolios. Connie considers her relationships with clients on workouts and defaults as that of a trusted business partner who understands not only their commercial objectives, but also the sensitivities of the challenges they face.

Connie also represents unsecured creditors' committees and liquidation trusts. She served as lead counsel for the creditors' committee in one of the largest, multibillion dollar Ponzi scheme cases in the nation. In addition, she represents the creditors' committee in one of the nation's oldest and largest lumber cases.

Having been active in practically every major aviation bankruptcy, Connie delivers an intimate understanding of the highly specialized aviation industry. As a result, she is a frequent educator and speaker on unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) matters and regularly advises clients on UAV, privacy and procedural issues.

Appreciated for her absolute responsiveness and immediate ability to understand what her clients need within the context of the industry in which they operate, Connie's ability to listen makes her an outstanding communicator. Her candid and approachable style of service is supported by her practical stance to problem-solving and personal commitment to achieving the right result for those she serves.

Connie often speaks on bankruptcy topics, including casino bankruptcies,

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#### **EDUCATION**

William Mitchell College of Law, (J.D.), magna cum laude

St. Cloud State University, (B.A.), summa cum laude

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Minnesota

#### **COURT ADMISSIONS**

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

#### **LANGUAGES**

English

#### **PRACTICES**

Asset Revitalization

Aviation and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Bankruptcy

Commercial Litigation

Creditors' Committees

Creditors' Rights, Restructuring and Bankruptcy

Distressed M&A and Special Situations

Finance, Insolvency and Restructuring Litigation

Receiverships

Special Servicers

Chapter 11 issues and restructuring issues. Prior to joining Barnes & Thornburg, Connie was a shareholder and chair of the bankruptcy and insolvency group at a commercial law firm in Minneapolis.

# **Professional and Community Involvement**

Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy

Committee member, American College of Bankruptcy's Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

Member, Trial Law Institute, Litigation Counsel of America

Member, Diversity Law Institute, Litigation Counsel of America

Member, National Association of Distinguished Counsel's Nation's Top Attorneys

Participant, Leadership Twin Cities, Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, 2004-2005

### **Honors**

Minnesota Monthly Magazine, Top Lawyers in Minnesota, 2023

Diversity and Inclusion Honoree, Minnesota Lawyer, 2021

The Best Lawyers in America, 2018-2024

Notable Women in Law, Twin Cities Business, 2020

Minnesota Super Lawyers, 2007-2023; Top 50 Women Lawyers, 2013-2016; Top 100 Women Lawyers, 2008-2009

Turnaround Management Association (TMA) Transaction of the Year, 2018

Women in Business, Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal, 2016

Corporate INTL Legal Award for Insolvency Law, 2012 and 2013

Martindale-Hubbell, AV Rated