

Jaden Banks

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Balance is important to Jaden Banks—in his legal practice and life. Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes as a 6-year-old, Jaden understands the need to balance passion and obligation. “Diabetes is a balancing test,” he says. “With diabetes, your blood sugar is going to swing high or low depending on food or stress or exercise. Legal practice operates the same way. The attorney’s job is to moderate and seek the optimum result—to balance everything going on.”

His desire for balance—and being a history nerd—led Jaden to his legal specialty. “My law school professor had me do a research project on how bankruptcy and other creditor-friendly, creditor-adverse collection laws came about in this country, and I fell in love with the changes that happened as history went on, as the country developed and grew,” Jaden says. “Bankruptcy law grew and evolved with the country.”

In his bankruptcy and creditor rights practice, Jaden values the concept that bankruptcy law ensures that competing interests find balance. His practice is guided by the knowledge that the parties to a bankruptcy case are trying to make the best of a bad situation. The person or entity in bankruptcy is unable to meet their obligations, and creditors can’t get what they’ve been promised. “Fortunately, the bankruptcy system, the set of laws for creditor rights, is designed to balance those two competing interests,” he says.

In his practice, Jaden helps clients restructure and reorganize their businesses. He helps address their financial and economic concerns and ensure they can continue operating as a successful entity. In his creditor rights practice, he advocates for lenders and creditors to protect their interests. Jaden helps ensure creditors have an opportunity and the ability to receive a return on their investment when borrowers experience financial or economic hardship, a business interruption, or a situation that makes it difficult for the original agreement to come to fruition.

His practice lets Jaden see the immediate and real benefits that can be gained in difficult circumstances. “I’m helping make a positive difference,” he says. “I’m helping to rebalance the scales.”

Dedicated, hardworking, and adaptable, Jaden applies the same focus he uses to maintain his health to his approach to law. “It’s always an effort to balance what’s going on and stay aware of all the little things that can be affecting a case,” he says. “But, doing so makes for a fantastic result and

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
 - Creditor Rights & Bankruptcy

EDUCATION

- University of Missouri School of Law (J.D.)
- Brigham Young University—Idaho (B.A., political science)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Iowa
- Missouri
- Western District of Missouri

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Judicial Law Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- Judicial Law Clerk, Missouri Court of Appeals
- Bankruptcy Research Assistant for Professor Brook Gotberg, University of Missouri School of Law
- Corporate Operations and Litigation Law Clerk, Charter Communication
- Rule 13 Law Clerk, Missouri

makes things go so much smoother.”

Department of Labor and
Industrial Relations

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

American Bankruptcy Institute

- VOLO Editor

Bankruptcy Association of Southern Illinois

Missouri State Bar Association

- Creditor Rights Practice Group

SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS

“New Article 12 and Amended Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code,” presentation, Missouri Bar Annual Bankruptcy Institute (March 8, 2024)

“Another One Bites the Dust: How Jevic Curtailed Creditor Rights to Negotiate In and Out of Bankruptcy,” 2021 *JDR* Vol. 1 (2021)

“A Password by Any Other Name ... Remains a Digital Asset,”
American Bankruptcy Institute Journal (February 2023)