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Steven M. Wallace is a distinguished attorney known for his long-standing dedication to complex bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Over the years, Mr. Wallace has earned recognition as a reliable advisor to businesses, financial institutions, and fiduciaries facing intricate legal and financial issues. His practice focuses on challenging bankruptcy cases and commercial disputes, representing bankruptcy trustees, both secured and unsecured creditors, debtors, and creditors' committees.

His work covers a broad range of matters, including foreclosures, securing interests, and large-scale commercial collections. Additionally, he is well regarded for providing guidance to corporate officers and directors on their fiduciary responsibilities and for assisting clients with strategic asset and business acquisitions.

Throughout his career, Mr. Wallace has gained significant expertise in insolvency law, creditor rights, and complex commercial transactions. Earlier, he spent over ten years managing loan documentation, workout agreements, and advanced collection cases, which deepened his practical knowledge of finance and risk management. His prior banking experience as a lending officer and assistant vice president, gives him a business-focused outlook that continues to enhance his legal advice today.

Beyond his legal practice, Mr. Wallace is also committed to education, having been an active lecturer at continuing legal education programs and industry seminars for more than thirty years. With a career defined by leadership, deep knowledge, and practical insight, Steven M. Wallace is recognized as an trusted advisor in bankruptcy and commercial law, consistently offering strategic and effective solutions to even the most challenging financial situations.

Primary Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy
- Business and Transactions

Bar Admissions

- Supreme Court of Illinois, 1988
- Supreme Court of Missouri, 1989
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, 1988
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, 1990

- United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, 1995
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 1991

Education & Academic Honors

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, Saint Louis University School of Law, 1988
- M.B.A., Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville, 1987
- B.A., Philosophy, Saint Louis University, 1981

Professional Associations

- The Missouri Bar
- St. Clair County Bar Association
- Madison County Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Local Rules Committee, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- Bankruptcy Association of Southern Illinois
- Leading Lawyers Network, 2010 to Present
- Illinois Super Lawyers, 2009, 2012
- Subchapter V Trustee, United States Bankruptcy Court, 2020 to Present

Lectures & Legal Publications

- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Enforcement of Judgments Seminars, 1994 – Present
- Southern Illinois Bankruptcy Institute, Annually
- Bankruptcy Association of Southern Illinois, Annually
- National Business Institute, Multiple Seminars
- Illinois Credit Union League, Annual Attorney Conferences
- American Bankruptcy Institute, 7th Circuit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference, 2016
- Instructor, St. Louis Community College at Meramec, 1991 – 1992

Education Honors & Awards

- Valedictorian, St. Louis University School of Law, Class of 1988
- Order of the Woolsack, St. Louis University School of Law, 1988
- Alpha Sigma Nu, St. Louis University School of Law, 1988
- Jensen Scholarship, St. Louis University School of Law, 1986 to 1988
- Legal Research and Writing Teaching Assistant, St. Louis University School of Law
- Beta Gamma Sigma, Southern Illinois University, 1987

Employment History

- Lashly & Baer, P.C.
Shareholder, 2026 – Present
- Goldenberg Heller & Antognoli, P.C.
Attorney, 2021 – 2026
- Silver Lake Group, Ltd.
Attorney, 2020 – 2021
- HeplerBroom, LLC
Attorney, 2016 – 2020
- The Kunin Law Offices, LLC
Attorney, 2005 – 2015
- Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP
Attorney, 2003 – 2005
- Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale
Attorney, 2002 – 2003
- Carr, Korein, Tillery, et al.
Attorney, 1988 – 2002