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# Nicholas L. Hahn

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## **Practice Areas**

Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring

Litigation

### Admissions

Hawaii

Wisconsin

### Education

Juris Doctor, University of Wisconsin Law School, 2013, *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Beloit College, 2003, *cum laude* 



Nicholas Hahn is an associate in the Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring practice, where he focuses on bankruptcy, insolvency, Wisconsin receiverships and commercial litigation. He has extensive experience in all chapters of bankruptcy, including an emphasis on agricultural bankruptcies. As a former U.S. Navy linguist and intelligence analyst who served in Iraq, Nick takes pride in his ability to gain a deep, comprehensive grasp of the details in each case.

Prior to joining Godfrey & Kahn, Nick was a judicial clerk at the Bankruptcy Court, District of Hawaii. He also worked at a boutique insolvency firm representing debtors, creditors, Chapter 7 panel trustees, and representing clients in Chapter 128 receiverships.

Outside of the office, Nick has taken an active role in the Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Club's Project Peru. Nick enjoys practicing Czech and Korean and teaching himself Spanish. After moving to Wisconsin from Hawaii, Nick stays active by ice skating and playing hockey in the winter and rowing on the Fox River in warmer weather.

### **Representative Matters**

Represented a debtor in Chapter 11 bankruptcy in a lawsuit and obtained a roughly \$15 million judgment against the State of Wisconsin on summary judgment.

Represented a CPA firm and settled a six-figure preference action for less than 10 percent of the trustee's demand.

Routinely represents and advises companies in connection with preference and fraudulent transfer actions in Wisconsin state courts and bankruptcy courts throughout the U.S.

Represented a Chapter 7 Panel Trustee in a \$2.2 million fraudulent transfer adversary proceeding, which resulted in a settlement for \$1.8 million before the defendants filed an answer.

Regularly advises clients on perfection and enforcement of mechanic's liens.

Experienced in bankruptcy dischargeability proceedings, commercial foreclosures, and other commercial litigation matters.

Represented numerous creditors and debtors in loan workouts, debt settlements, and business wind downs.

Experienced in agricultural insolvencies through representation of numerous farmers in Chapters 11 and 12.

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### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

### **Professional Association Memberships**

American Bankruptcy Institute State Bar of Wisconsin Turnaround Management Association

### Activities

ABI Central States Advisory Board Member Oshkosh Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, Member and former Chairperson Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Club Board Member State Bar of Wisconsin, Continuing Legal Education Committee, Member State Bar of Wisconsin, Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors Rights (BICR) section, Board Member

### Honors

2022 Fellow of the Wisconsin Law Foundation Recognized by *Best Lawyers* "Ones to Watch" (Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Bankruptcy, 2021 - present) Recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a *Wisconsin Rising Star* (2022 - 2023)