

## FREDERICK J. PETERSEN



Frederick J. Petersen is a commercial lawyer with a practice focused in commercial bankruptcy, commercial transactions, business restructures, commercial litigation and real estate transactions.

Fred joined Mesch Clark Rothschild in 1998 as a law clerk while attending the University of Arizona College of Law. He became an associate in 1999 and a shareholder in 2005. Fred was the firm's managing shareholder from 2011 to 2017 and returned to that role from 2019 to present. Fred received a Bachelor of Arts degree, Magna Cum Laude, in history and political science from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

Since graduating from law school, Fred has provided business and financial legal counsel to a variety of businesses including hospitals, restaurants, golf courses, retail stores, grocery chains, real estate ventures, construction companies, and religious organizations, as well as serving as counsel to bankruptcy debtors, creditors, Chapter 11 Trustees, and creditor committees.

He takes pride in his drive to find creative solutions to problems. His "results oriented" approach often leads to quicker and less expensive solutions than a litigation first preference. Fred understands, however, that sometimes litigation is required to reach a solution.

Fred is the President and member of the Board of Directors for Southern Arizona Legal Aid, a member of the Arizona State Bar Bankruptcy Advisory Commission, a member of the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court executive committee, and a member of the Breakfast Club of Tucson. He is a Master in the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the American Bar Association, Law Practice Management Section. Fred is AV Rated by Martindale, and listed in Best Lawyers and as a Southwest Super Lawyer.

Fred grew up in Blackfoot, Idaho, a small town in eastern Idaho. When not working or serving his community, he participates in and watches sports, is a Cub Scout leader, goes hiking and camping, and plays with his sons.

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### Practice Areas

- Commercial Bankruptcy Representation
- Commercial Transactions
- Business Restructures
- Commercial Litigation
- Real Estate Transactions and Litigation

### Admissions

- State Bar of Arizona, 1999
- U.S. District Court in Arizona, 1999
- United State Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit, 1999

### Professional

- Mesch Clark Rothschild, Tucson AZ, 1999 - present
- Managing Shareholder, 2011 - 2017, 2019 - present

### Education

- University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson AZ  
Juris Doctor, 1999
- Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington  
Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, Major in History and Political Science, 1996

### Recognitions

- Best Lawyers, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2014, 2015 - Present
- Best Lawyers, Lawyer of the Year, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2019, 2021
- Southwest Super Lawyer, 2015 - Present
- AZ State Bankruptcy Bar, Hon. Eileen W. Hollowell Pro Bono Award, 2022
- Attorneys of Arizona Award”, 2004, 2022
- Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Lowell E. Rothschild Volunteer of the Year Award, 2021
- Southwest Super Lawyers “Rising Star”, 2012 - 2014
- 2003 Volunteer Lawyer’s Program “Bankruptcy Attorney of the Year” Award Winner
- Tucson Volunteer Center, Community Connection Crew, 2000-2003

- Lawyers for Literacy, Volunteer, 1999 - 2003
- Martindale AV Rated
- "Up and Comer"- Inside Tucson Business, 2012
- Tucson Business Edge "40 Under 40" Award Winner, 2006
- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education "Top Pro Bono

### **Organizations**

- Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Board of Directors, President, 2011 - Present
- Bankruptcy Bar Advisory Commission, 2011 - Present
- Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court, Master, 2011 - 2016; 2019 - Present
- American Bar Association, Law Practice Management Section, Current Member
- Southern Arizona Legal Aid Volunteer Lawyers Program , Volunteer, 1999 - Present
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Current Member
- Local Bankruptcy MMM Expansion Committee, 2022
- Breakfast Club of Tucson, Former President
- Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, 2015 - 2019, District Chair from 2016 - 2017
- Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, Conference Advisory Committee, 2016 - 2017
- Local Bankruptcy Rules Commission, 2013 - 2016
- Member of Financial Executives and Affiliates of Tucson, 2011 - 2014
- Greater Tucson Leadership, Inc., Board of Directors, 2004 - 2007
- Handi-Dogs, Inc. - Board of Directors, 2001 - 2005, Board President, 2003 - 2005
- 2004 Graduate of Greater Tucson Leadership, Adult Leadership Class
- Chairman of Arizona State Bar Convention, Bankruptcy Program, 2004 and 2005

### **Writings**

- Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law, Note Editor 1998 - 1999
- Author: "The Facade of Humanitarian Intervention for Human Rights in a Community of Sovereign Nations" 15 Ariz. J. Int'l & Comp. L. 871 (1998)
- Various Caveat Articles located at [www.mcrazlaw.com](http://www.mcrazlaw.com)