ZEISLER & ZEISLER, P.C.
Attorneys at Law

Stephen M. Kindseth, Managing Partner

Steve Kindseth is a shareholder and managing partner with Zeisler & Zeisler, and has over 20 years of experience in workouts, bankruptcy and litigation. He has represented numerous individuals and businesses in a broad spectrum of industries enabling them either to restructure out-of-court or successfully reorganize through Chapter 11. He also has extensive experience representing creditors\' committees, trustees, creditors and other parties-in-interest in bankruptcy cases.

Steve has prosecuted and defended against various types of litigation in state and federal courts, including contract disputes, real estate litigation, product liability, construction law, corporate and securities litigation, fiduciary litigation, bankruptcy litigation, fraudulent conveyances, preferences, foreclosures, and lender liability.

Steve\'s years of practice in these areas have provided him with the expertise necessary to advocate zealously for his clients in court while developing, negotiating and accomplishing comprehensive solutions out-of-court.

Practice Areas

* Litigation
* Workouts
* Business Reorganization
* Consumer Bankruptcy
* Debtor/Creditor Rights
* Residential and Commercial Foreclosures
* Landlord/Tenant

Representative Matters

* Reorganized design/build landscape company and re-wholesaler under Chapter 11
* In Chapter 11 liquidation of one of the world's largest precious metals refinery, prosecuted over 100 actions to avoid metals trading transactions
* Restructured home energy company and accomplished workout of its debts
* Represented Creditors Committee in successful reorganization of multiple nursing homes and management company
* Defended transportation company against fraud and other claims
* Represented owner of 190,000 sq. foot commercial building in workout with secured lender
* Prosecuted civil action to recover cost to remediate oil spill
* Represented architect in copyright infringement claims against builder
* Represented Chapter 11 Trustee in recovery of various claims against former officers and directors and Section 363 sale of nursing home
* Defended against alleged statutory violations, fraud and other claims on behalf of franchisor
* Represented Chapter 11 Trustee of nursing homes to recover seven figure settlement from former officers and directors
* Represented nursing home in Chapter 11 and accomplished Section 363 sale of substantially all of its assets

* Defended former officers and directors in defense of breach of fiduciary duty and securities fraud claims
* Represented custom ship builder in successful reorganization under Chapter 11
* Represented software companies in successful reorganization under Chapter 11
* Represented numerous homeowners to negotiate short sales of residences
* Represented numerous commercial and residential owners in defense of foreclosure actions
* Represented creditors in defense of preference claims
* Represented customers in broker-dealer liquidation to prosecute customer claims under SIPA and defended against fraudulent conveyance and other claims

Publications & Presentations

On the Brink: Rural and Safety-Net Hospitals by Stephen M. Kindseth

Commercial Loan Forbearance Agreements: Striking a Fair Balance from the Borrowers Perspective

Professional Associations

* American Bankruptcy Institute

* Connecticut Bar Association

* Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section
* Litigation Section

* Greater Bridgeport Bar Association

Special Honors

* AV® Preeminent Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review rated
* Named the Best Lawyers® Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights "Lawyer of the Year," Stamford Metro Area (2018)
* Named the Best Lawyers Litigation - Bankruptcy "Lawyer of the Year," Stamford Metro Area (2021)
* Included in The Best Lawyers of America®, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights (2015 - 2021)
* Included in The Best Lawyers of America, Litigation - Bankruptcy (2017 - 2021)
* Selected, Connecticut Super Lawyers list, Business Litigation (2013 - 2020)

Admissions

* Connecticut (1994)
* United States District Court, District of Connecticut (1995)
* United States District Court, Southern District of New York (1996)

Education

* University of Connecticut Law School (J.D., with honors, 1994)
* Fordham University (B.A. 1990)

Charitable & Civic Involvement

* Executive Committee, BethWood Baseball (2007 - 2015)
* Member, Board of Governors, Race Brook Country Club (2012 - 2014)
* Recipient 2003 New Leaders of the Law award