

Matthew Olins

Partner



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Services / Industries

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Business Reorganization & Creditors' Rights

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Bio

Matthew Olins is chair of Gould & Ratner's Business Reorganization and Creditors' Rights Practice and is a member of the Corporate Practice. Matt practices in the areas of business reorganization, commercial finance, creditors' rights, restructuring and insolvency.

Matt represents lenders, special servicers and various types of other creditors in loan workouts, business bankruptcy cases, commercial finance transactions, commercial foreclosures and litigation. He also represents businesses that are reorganizing or liquidating.

Credentials

Education

Kenyon College

Washington University School of Law in St. Louis

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Affiliations

- American Bankruptcy Institute

Presentations

"Welcome to the Jungle: LLC Members and Their Rights and Interests in Bankruptcy – A Primer for the Business Counselor," *Illinois State Bar Association*, September 16, 2015

Key Cases or Transactions

- Represented a secured creditor with a more than \$52 million claim in the bankruptcy cases of an Illinois homebuilder and its affiliates, and successfully defeated confirmation of the debtors' proposed chapter 11 plan.
- Obtained confirmation of a secured creditor's contested chapter 11 plan, and denial of the debtor's proposed plan, for a Las Vegas office center.
- Represented a secured creditor and post-petition lender in a textile manufacturer's chapter 11 case and recovered its approximately \$30 million pre-petition claim and its post-petition loan through the sale of debtor's assets.
- Represented the purchaser in an approximately \$80 million competitive bankruptcy sale of the assets of a major chicken producer in chapter 11.
- Represented a high-end seafood restaurant with sixteen locations located throughout the country in its chapter 11 case.
- Represented a public company that designed and produced manufacturing equipment for industrial and consumer products in its and its affiliates' chapter 11 cases.
- Successfully defended a reorganized financial institution against at least \$50 million of discharged claims.
- Represented the court appointed examiner in the chapter 11 case of a major airline.
- Represented the official committee of unsecured creditors in a chapter 11 case of a large plant nursery and represented the post-confirmation creditor trust in the substantial adversary litigation that followed.
- Obtained a more than \$57 million judgment order of foreclosure and sale on behalf of the lender to a major Chicago area shopping center.
- Obtained a more than \$27 million judgment order of foreclosure and sale on behalf of the lender to a Chicago area office building.
- Obtained a more than \$6.8 million judgment order of foreclosure and sale on behalf of the lender to a Chicago area apartment building.
- Obtained a more than \$1.6 million judgment on behalf of the lender on a personal guaranty of a commercial loan.
- Obtained a judgment for a defendant in litigation involving a claim for millions of dollars based upon an erroneous joint venture manufacturing theory.
- Represented the lender in an approximately \$50 million financing transaction with a multi-state health care provider.
- Represented the lender in an approximately \$112 million financing automotive business.
- Represented the lender in an approximately \$23.5 million financing transaction with a material testing business.
- Represented the lender in an approximately \$10 million financing transaction with a skilled nursing provider.
- Represented a bulk freight shipping service business in an approximately \$100 million financing transaction.
- Represented a national banking association in numerous foreclosures and loan workouts involving apartments, condominiums, retail space, office space and undeveloped land in connection with loan portfolios purchased from the FDIC.

News

Nine Gould & Ratner Lawyers Recognized in the 2027 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®, August 20, 2026

Sixteen Gould & Ratner Attorneys Named to Legal 500 City Elite List for Chicago, July 16, 2026

Nine Gould & Ratner Lawyers Recognized in the 2026 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®, August 21, 2025

Gould & Ratner Earns Recognition in M&A Deal of the Year Awards, October 15, 2024

Gould & Ratner Attorneys Named to 2025 Best Lawyers and "Ones to Watch" Lists, August 15, 2024

Gould & Ratner Lawyer Named to 2020 U.S. News Best Lawyers List, August 15, 2019

Matthew A. Olins Joins Gould & Ratner as Partner in Corporate Practice, September 17, 2018

Publications

Be Prepared: What to Do When a Customer or Vendor Files for Bankruptcy Protection, April 6, 2020

Sales Under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, July 29, 2017