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*Rob is always present. He is committed to you and your matters and is available when you need him. He will find a solution.*

Rob Charles is a partner and leader in the firm's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group, practicing throughout Arizona and Nevada. He represents clients in business bankruptcy cases, commercial lawsuits, and business transactions.

Rob works with secured and unsecured creditors, as well as debtors through complex Chapter 11 bankruptcy issues in all aspects of debtor/creditor relationships, workouts, and litigation. From sophisticated financial transactions through bankruptcy appeals, business leaders from finance and investment, technology, health care, and real estate trust Rob's in-depth industry knowledge to inform the best bankruptcy strategies.

As fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and University of Arizona College of Law Adjunct Professor teaching bankruptcy reorganization, Rob is recognized by the industry for the highest standards of leadership and experience in bankruptcy law.

Rob also advises clients in matters including the Uniform Commercial Code, with expertise in negotiable instruments, banking law, and secured transactions. He actively represents plaintiffs and defendants in civil and commercial litigation in the state and federal courts.

**Practices**

- Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
- Professional Liability and Discipline
- Banking and Lending Disputes
- Finance and Lending Transactions
- Litigation and Disputes

**Industries**

- Banking and Financial Services
- Construction

## Personal Approach

Rob is excellent at building client relationships. With modern communication methods creating impersonal interactions between lawyers and their clients, Rob prefers personal, genuine conversations and staying true to client commitments. Over the years clients have recognized his passion for developing relationships rather than focusing only on the problem or deal. Clients appreciate his personable and focused approach on the outcome the client needs, rather than on minutiae or distractions.

Rob's cheerful and humorous approach to life is reflected in conversation and mood. When Rob is not in the office you can find him teaching at the University of Arizona, playing tennis, or spending quality time with his kids, grandkids, and pets.

## Education

- J.D., with distinction, University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, 1982
- B.A., University of Arizona, 1979

## Bar Admissions

- Nevada, 1998
- Arizona, 1982

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

## Community

- University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Professor of Practice, Business Reorganization in Bankruptcy, Introduction to Bankruptcy
- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education, Top 50 Pro Bono Attorneys in Arizona, 2022
- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education, Top Pro Bono Attorneys in Arizona, 2020
- Facilitator, State Bar of Arizona Professionalism Course, October 2019
- American College of Bankruptcy, Fellow and Member of the Board of Directors, 2022-present

- University of Arizona James E Rogers College of Law, Adjunct Professor, Business Reorganization in Bankruptcy
- United States District Court District of Arizona, Lawyer Representative, 2008-2011
- State Bar of Arizona Bankruptcy Section, Member and Past Chair, 1997-1998
- Business Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bar Association of Business Law, Member
- Conference Executive Committee, 2011-2015, U.S. Court of Appeals to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference
- State Bar of Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct Committee, Member, 2005-2007; Past Chair, 2004-2016
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Member
- Pima County Bar Association, Member

## Representative Matters

- Assisted an international investor with collection of secured and unsecured debt and resolution of ownership interests in a Las Vegas based FAA-certified airline.
- Represented a technology company in a Delaware Chapter 11 case resulting in confirmation of the Chapter 11 plan and consummation of the plan and sale of the company's assets within one year.
- Representation of equipment lienholders in a southern Arizona hospital Chapter 11 case.
- Representation of a regional health care chain in the acquisition of an Arizona hospital via Chapter 11 plan.
- Representation of agricultural lenders in loan enforcement and modification, Chapter 11, and related litigation.
- Regular representation of state and national lenders in loan enforcement, real and personal property foreclosure, and other remedies.
- Represented an Arizona nonprofit corporation in the orderly dissolution of its mental health business, including shut down and transfer of programs, disposition of assets, and friendly foreclosure of its real estate.
- Regular representation of automobile dealer financing company in loan enforcement and bankruptcy cases, including adversary proceedings.
- Periodic representation of business entities in need of dissolution under Delaware corporate law.
- Regular representation of creditors in Nevada, Arizona, and other bankruptcy courts, in administrative cases, adversary proceedings, and appeals.
- Regular representation of plaintiffs and defendants in commercial litigation and bankruptcy matters in federal and state courts, primarily in Arizona and Nevada.
- Periodic representation of debtors and creditors committees in Arizona, Nevada, and other bankruptcy courts in all facets of bankruptcy court and appellate jurisdiction.

## Honors & Recognitions

- The Best Lawyers in America, “Lawyer of the Year,” Bankruptcy, Creditor/Debtor Rights Law, and Bankruptcy Litigation, Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2005-2023
- Benchmark Litigation, “Local Litigation Star” in Arizona, 2014-2023
- Southwest Super Lawyers, Top 50 in Arizona, 2018, 2022; Bankruptcy: Business, 2007-2015, 2018-2022
- American College of Bankruptcy, Fellow, 2007-present; Director, 2020-present
- Mountain States Super Lawyers, Bankruptcy: Business, 2012-2021
- Vegas Inc., Top Lawyers, Bankruptcy, 2021
- Lawdragon, Top 500 U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers List, 2020
- *Arizona Business Magazine*, Top 100 Lawyers, 2017, 2018
- Arizona Super Lawyers, Top 50, 2013-2015
- Vegas Inc., Top Lawyers, Bankruptcy - Creditors, 2012
- *AZ Business Magazine*, Top Lawyers, Bankruptcy, 2010
- Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel, 2009-2010
- Martindale-Hubbell, “AV/Preeminent Attorney” Rating
- John P. Frank Pro Bono Awards Luncheon, Recognized for commitment, Pro bono service

## Clerkships

- U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona

## News

- Lewis Roca Partner Honored with Step Up to Justice’s Fall 2022 Step Up - Stand Out Award  
Press Release | 10/26/2022
- Lewis Roca Lawyers Named “Litigation Stars” by *Benchmark Litigation 2023*  
Press Release | 10/3/2022
- Lewis Roca Lawyers Recognized as *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2023  
Honors & Recognitions | 08/18/2022
- Lewis Roca Lawyers Recognized for Pro Bono Excellence by The Arizona Bar Foundation  
Honors & Recognitions | 06/28/2022
- Lewis Roca Lawyer Elected to American College of Bankruptcy Board of Directors  
Firm News | 04/21/2022
- Lewis Roca Lawyers Recognized as 2022 *Southwest Super Lawyers*® and *Southwest Rising Stars*®  
Honors & Recognitions | 04/7/2022

- Lewis Roca Lawyers Recognized as “Litigation Stars” by Benchmark Litigation 2022  
Press Release | 09/30/2021
- Lewis Roca Lawyers Named to 2022 *Best Lawyers* List  
Honors & Recognitions | 08/19/2021
- Lewis Roca Announces 18 Lawyers Named 2021 *Mountain States Super Lawyers*® and *Mountain States Rising Stars*®  
Honors & Recognitions | 07/13/2021
- Lewis Roca Lawyers Recognized as 2021 *Southwest Super Lawyers*® and *Southwest Rising Stars*®  
Honors & Recognitions | 04/8/2021
- Lewis Roca Receives High Honors from Benchmark Litigation 2021  
Press Release | 10/14/2020
- Lewis Roca Lawyers Recognized as The Best Lawyers in America© 2021  
Press Release | 08/20/2020
- Lewis Roca Lawyers Recognized by The Arizona Bar Foundation for Their Pro Bono Services to the Community  
Honors & Recognitions | 07/13/2020
- Lewis Roca Lawyers Recognized as 2020 Mountain States Super Lawyers® and Mountain States Rising Stars®  
Press Release | 06/15/2020
- Lewis Roca Lawyers Recognized as 2020 Southwest Super Lawyers® and Southwest Rising Stars®  
Honors & Recognitions | 04/6/2020
- Thirteen Lewis Roca Lawyers Recognized in Benchmark Litigation 2020  
Honors & Recognitions | 11/5/2019
- Lewis Roca Lawyers Recognized as The Best Lawyers in America© 2020  
Press Release | 08/15/2019
- Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie Attorneys Recognized as 2019 Mountain States Lawyers® and Mountain States Rising Stars®  
Honors & Recognitions | 05/31/2019
- Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie Lawyers Recognized as 2019 Southwest Super Lawyers® and Southwest Rising Stars®  
Honors & Recognitions | 04/15/2019
- Lewis Roca Lawyers Recognized as The Best Lawyers in America© 2019  
Press Release | 08/15/2018
- Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie Lawyers Recognized as 2018 Mountain States Super Lawyers® and Mountain States Rising Stars®  
Honors & Recognitions | 06/11/2018
- Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie Lawyers Recognized as 2018 Southwest Super Lawyers® and Southwest Rising Stars®  
Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie announced 25 attorneys have been recognized as 2018 Southwest Super Lawyers® and 13 attorneys have been named as 2018 Southwest Rising Stars®.  
Honors & Recognitions | 04/23/2018

- Arizona Top 100 List Includes Charles, Freeman and Van Kirk  
Az Business magazine recognizes Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie attorneys  
Honors & Recognitions | 03/27/2018
- Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie Earns ‘Highly Recommended’ Ranking From Benchmark Litigation  
20 attorneys recognized in peer-reviewed annual guide to top U.S. litigation firms  
Honors & Recognitions | 10/10/2017
- Partners Honored as Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers  
85 Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie attorneys in The Best Lawyers in America 2018  
Press Release | 08/15/2017
- Freeman Named in Top 25 Arizona Women Lawyers  
Annual listings reflect professional achievements for Arizona, New Mexico attorneys  
Press Release | 04/11/2017
- DeWald, Freeman Share John P. Frank Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award  
59 attorneys earn recognition for providing more than 50 pro bono hours in 2016  
Press Release | 04/4/2017
- Rob Charles and Susan Freeman Named in Arizona Top 100 list  
Az Business magazine recognizes Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie attorneys  
Honors & Recognitions | 03/22/2017
- Benchmark Litigation Affirms ‘Highly Recommended’ Ranking for Multiple Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie Offices  
22 individual attorneys included in peer-reviewed annual guide of top U.S. litigation firms  
Honors & Recognitions | 10/10/2016
- Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie Attorneys Named in ‘Best Lawyers’  
11 partners also honored as ‘Lawyer of the Year’ in The Best Lawyers in America® 2017  
Honors & Recognitions | 08/15/2016
- Twenty-Three Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie Attorneys Named Mountain States Super Lawyers  
Annual listings reflect peer recognition and professional achievement  
Honors & Recognitions | 06/14/2016
- Charles Receives Pro Bono Award for Southern Arizona  
Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie attorney honored for work with Volunteer Lawyers Program  
Honors & Recognitions | 05/1/2016
- Arizona, New Mexico Lawyers Selected as Southwest Super Lawyers  
Annual listings reflect peer recognition and professional achievement  
Press Release | 04/12/2016
- Pro Bono Service Awards Presented by Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie  
Annual awards honor memory of lawyer dedicated to equal justice and professionalism  
Press Release | 03/22/2016

- Az Business Magazine Recognizes Freeman, Charles, Hulsman  
Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie attorneys named in 2016 Arizona top lawyers list  
Honors & Recognitions | 03/17/2016

## Publications

- Rethinking Retainers  
American Bar Association , 03/1/2022
- Eleventh Circuit Validates Plan Release of Claims Against Insurers  
Author, *ABI Journal*, 2/2022
- Making Sense of It All: Business, the Law and COVID-19  
Quoted, *InBusiness Greater Phoenix*, 02/1/2021
- Creditor Options in the COVID-19 Pandemic  
Co-Author, *InBusiness*, 04/23/2020
- From Ad Hoc Tools to Procedural Rules  
Author, *Nevada Bankers Association*, 04/1/2018
- Third-Party Payments to Estate Professionals: Avoiding the Traps  
Author, *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, 01/1/2018
- Section 362 - Automatic Stay  
Contributor, *Norton Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law*, 11/15/2016
- 2d: Chapter 14 - Sovereign Immunity  
Contributor, *Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice*, 11/15/2016
- Recent Ruling Affects Claims Against Decedents  
Co-Author, *Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie*, 09/19/2016

## Client Alerts

- The Small Business Reorganization Act: Prescription For Small Business Financial Distress?  
04/1/2020

## Blog Posts

- A Surprising Question: Is The New Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019 Retroactive?  
*Lewis Roca Blog*, 05/21/2020
- How the Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act (“UCRERA”) May Be An Option For Business Creditors  
Affected By the COVID-19 Pandemic  
*Lewis Roca Blog*, 04/22/2020

- The Small Business Reorganization Act: Prescription For Small Business Financial Distress?  
*Lewis Roca Blog, 04/1/2020*

## Events

- Presenter, "How Fulton May Change Practice," American Bankruptcy Institute's 2022 Consumer Practice Extravaganza, November 2022
- Presenter, Nevada Bankers Association 2022 Credit & Lender Conference, October 2022
- Panelist, "Potential Bankruptcy Filings," Federal Bar Association, Phoenix and Tucson Chapters, January 2021
- Presenter, "Chapter 11 Open Forum," The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Norton Bankruptcy Litigation Institute II, March 2017
- Presenter, "Ethics for Attorneys," NASBA Legal Counsel Conference, March 2013
- Presenter, "21st Century Ethics," American Bankruptcy Institute's 30th Annual Spring Meeting, April 2012
- Guest Presenter, "Ethical Morning at the Movies," State Bar of Arizona CLE, April 2012
- Presenter, "Litigation in Chapter 11 Cases," Norton Bankruptcy Litigation Seminar II, March 2012
- Presenter, "Ethical Issues," Norton Bankruptcy Litigation Seminar II, March 2012
- Presenter, "Bankruptcy Ethics Update," Mid-South Commercial Law Institute, December 2011
- Presenter, "Ethics," and "Chapter 11 Open Forum," Norton Las Vegas Bankruptcy Litigation II, April 2011
- Presenter, "Intellectual Property in Bankruptcy," and "BAPCPA's Actual Impact in Chapter 11 Cases," 37th Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute, April 2011
- Presenter, "Individual Chapter 11 Cases," Northwest Bankruptcy Law Institute, April 2011
- Presenter, "Revisiting Chapter 11 Sale Strategies," American Bankruptcy Institute Panel at Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, October 2010
  
- Arizona 2022 Last Chance CLE  
06/28/2022
- Arizona Last Chance CLE: A full day of CLE offerings prior to the AZ MCLE deadline  
Virtual, 06/29/2021
- Las Vegas: Bankruptcy Judges and Discussion of Recent Bankruptcy Cases  
03/23/2016