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About Stewart

Stewart helps national and regional lenders sort through all aspects of commercial banking and lending. He handles complex loan workouts, restructurings, modifications, and enforcement matters on behalf of institutional lenders, nontraditional investors, and equity funds throughout the United States. Certified as a business bankruptcy specialist by both the American Board of Certification and the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization, Stewart uses his extensive knowledge of bankruptcy law and experience in commercial banking to negotiate forbearances, amendments, extensions, waivers, and recapitalizations of distressed commercial financing secured by all types of collateral.

Stewart has deep experience in loans secured by many types of real estate collateral, including office buildings, hotels, retail/lifestyle shopping centers, restaurants, car dealerships, and apartment buildings. He also routinely advises on specialty lending products secured by maritime vessels, aircraft, retail installment contracts, heavy equipment, automotive floorplans, fleet vehicles, and tax liens. In that capacity, he has developed lending documentation for national banks and captive finance companies for nationwide implementation, and created policies and procedures to support those entities in administering their product lines.

Stewart regularly represents agent banks in syndicated loan facilities and has years of experience servicing SBA and USDA-guaranteed loans. He also provides annual training seminars to his clients, sharing with them best practices for servicing and enforcing loans both in and out of bankruptcy.

Drawing on over two decades of experience, Stewart crafts tailored solutions.

Stewart's Affiliations

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- American Bar Association
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), Fellow, 2014
- Louisiana State Bar Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Automotive Financial Services; Banking & Financial Institutions; Financial Services; Real Estate

Services: Appellate; Bankruptcy, Workout Strategic Planning & Restructuring; Commercial Finance; Complex Commercial Litigation ; Corporate & Transactions; Financial Services Litigation ; Litigation & Trial; Real Estate Transactions & Lending

Experience

- Represented an agent bank in a workout of a \$150 million syndicated loan secured by electronic chattel paper and receivables.
- Represented an agent bank in a workout of a \$250 million syndicated loan secured by electronic chattel paper and receivables.
- Represented an agent bank in a workout of a defaulted \$100 million syndicated loan secured by receivables.
- Represented an agent bank in the negotiated sale of a \$60 million syndicated loan secured by supply vessels.
- Represented a national bank in a workout and enforcement of an \$85 million floorplan loan and \$20 million in supporting real estate loans.
- Represented a national floorplan lender in a tri-party workout of a \$20 million factoring arrangement.
- Represented a national bank in a workout of a \$55 million floorplan loan.
- Represented a participant bank in a workout of a \$500 million syndicated loan secured by supply vessels, charter party contracts, and associated collateral.
- Represented a participant bank and lender in a workout and ensuing bankruptcy of a multinational shipping company involving \$150 million syndicated facility and various stand-alone loans secured by cargo vessels, real estate, and Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) collateral.
- Represented a national bank in a workout and restructuring of a \$65 million loan secured by convention center.
- Represented a national bank in a workout of a \$30 million loan portfolio secured by multistate real estate holdings.
- Represented an agent bank in the negotiated resolution of a distressed \$20 million syndicated bond portfolio secured by real estate and associated equipment.

- Represented a national bank in a multimillion-dollar lender liability lawsuit arising from a Hurricane Katrina-related floorplan financing.
- Represented a national bank in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding of a towing company involving barge collateral.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Banking and Finance Law, 2023 – 2026; Ranking also featured by *Biz New Orleans*, “Best Lawyers in New Orleans” supplement

Credentials

Education

Tulane University Law School, JD, Maritime Law Certificate, 2003

Louisiana State University, BS, 2000

Bar Admissions

Louisiana

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

US District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana

US District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

Interests

Did you know...

Stewart spends his downtime engaging in many types of outdoor activities, from boating and fishing to mountain biking and hiking. He has completed multiple marathons and many half marathons. Stewart additionally enjoys traveling with his family and exploring new cultures and cuisines throughout the world.

Community/Civic Activities

- Baton Rouge Area Chamber, Baton Rouge Area Leadership Program, 2014 Graduate
- Foundation for East Baton Rouge School System, Board Member

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- Co-Presenter, “Commercial – Lender v. Lender: It’s Not Personal, It’s Business,” 2025 Auto Finance Seminar, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago, Illinois, May 1, 2025
- Co-Presenter, “When the Music Stops: Lien Priority, Default, Recovery and Repossession,” 2025 Auto Finance Seminar, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago, Illinois, May 1, 2025
- Co-Presenter, “Commercial – Dealer Due Diligence & On-Going Monitoring,” 2024 Auto Finance Seminar, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago, Illinois, May 16, 2024
- Co-Presenter, “Lender Liability – Handle with Care, Managing Your Way Through Special Assets,” Risk Management Association (RMA) Gulf Coast Chapter, Webinar, April 10, 2024
- Panelist, “Deal Maker: 2023 Mid-Year Deal Analysis and Outlook,” Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago, Illinois, May 24, 2023
- Co-Presenter, “Commercial – Preparing for Increased Defaults and Best Practices to Mitigate Lender Liability,” 2023 Auto Finance Seminar: Driving Ahead: Auto Finance Insights from Industry Leaders, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago, Illinois, May 4, 2023
- Moderator, “Latest Trends in Auto Finance: Insights on Key Issues Facing Lenders Today,” Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Virtual Event, November 30, 2021
- Co-Presenter, “What Every Banker Needs to Know: Electronic Loan Closings,” Louisiana Bankers Association, Virtual Event, October 26, 2021
- Co-Presenter, “Handle With Care: Managing Your Way Through Special Assets,” Annual Conference by Southwest Association Bank Counsel and Texas Bankers Association, San Antonio, Texas, October 7, 2021
- “Managing Risk and Avoiding Lender Liability,” Client Presentation, Houston, Texas, April 2019

Publications

- Co-Author, “Top 11 Tips for Lenders Navigating Commercial Loan Modifications in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak,” *Client Alert*, March 24, 2020

Events

- Third Annual Driving Ahead Auto Finance Seminar: Insights from Industry Leaders, May 1, 2025
- Driving Ahead Auto Finance Seminar: Insights from Industry Leaders, May 16, 2024
- Stewart Spielman and Stephanie Tolson to Co-Present at a Risk Management Association Gulf Coast Chapter’s Virtual Event on Navigating Lender Liability, Apr 10, 2024
- Deal Maker: 2023 Mid-Year Deal Analysis and Outlook, May 24, 2023
- Driving Ahead: Auto Finance Insights from Industry Leaders, Thursday, May 4, 2023

Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025
- 105 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2025 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 15, 2024

- 101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 17, 2023
- Eighty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2023 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 18, 2022
- Hinshaw Adds Five-Partner Group with Consumer Financial Services, Bankruptcy, and Commercial Litigation Experience, and Extends Southern Roots with Louisiana Presence, Jul 20, 2020

Webinar

- Latest Trends in Auto Finance: Insights on Key Issues Facing Lenders Today, November 30, 2021 | 12:00 p.m. Central