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Chris Koehnke is a Shareholder focusing on restructuring, insolvency, and commercial litigation. Chris represents lenders and other creditors with respect to the following:

- Representing secured creditors and other lenders in all stages of bankruptcy litigation
- Representing creditors in State Court Chapter 128 receivership proceedings, including issues related to lien priority, asset disposition, and settlement of preference claims
- Guiding clients through the process of enforcing Article 9 remedies in equipment and other assets through state court replevin litigation
- Advising creditors and defending claims made under FDCPA or the Wisconsin Consumer Act

Chris also works with contractors, subcontractors, developers, and owners in disputes involving commercial and residential projects, construction defects, theft by contractor, and construction liens.

Chris is also a member of the Government Law Group. He has extensive experience representing governmental clients in courts throughout Wisconsin. He previously served as the Assistant Village Attorney for the Villages of Elm Grove, Lannon, Hartland and Lac La Belle, and has also served as Interim Assistant City Attorney for the City of West Allis.

Areas of Practice

- Commercial and Business Litigation
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Litigation and Risk Management
- Community Associations
- Constitutional Law and Civil Liberties
- Government Law
- County and Municipal Governance
- Independent Sales Representatives
- Hemp, CBD & Cannabis

Education

- William Mitchell College of Law, J.D., 2009
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A., 2004

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin

Presentations and Publications

- Panelist, Best Practices in Subchapter V Cases, ABI Live Webinar, October 2025
- "How Should Courts "Fix" § 1191(c)(2)'s Disposable Income Commitment Period?" ABI Journal, July 2025
- "Administrative-Expense Payments: A Sure Thing, or a Vague Hope?" ABI Journal, May 2024
- "Creditor Strategies in Subchapter V" ABI Journal, June 2022

- "Debt Recharacterization: Does State or Federal Law Apply?" ABI Journal, June 2021
- "Revised Rule 3002: Is Lack of Notice Grounds for a Late-Filed Claim?" ABI Journal, February 2020

Professional and Civic Associations

- State Bar of Wisconsin
- Milwaukee Bar Association (Member, Bankruptcy Section)
- Turnaround Management Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute

Honors and Accomplishments

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2025-2026), Commercial Litigation (2025-2026), Litigation - Real Estate (2025-2026)

Community Involvement

- Wisconsin Justice Institute Action, Board of Directors