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Michael Ott is an attorney in Ice Miller's Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice, where he counsels banks, financial institutions and other creditors in distressed situations. He is experienced in all aspects of the workout, restructuring and bankruptcy process, providing clients with thorough analysis and creative solutions.

Mike is a founding member of Ice Miller's Distressed Investment Group (DIG), which focuses on distressed investment strategies and transactions, including bankruptcy and in-court restructurings, out-of-court restructurings, and other insolvency-related transactions. Mike has more than a decade of experience in advising clients on complex strategic investing in the distressed market, including advising on loan-to-own strategies, debt restructurings, debtor-in-possession and exit financings, claims trading, distressed real estate acquisitions, section 363 sales, rescue capital deployment, and other investment situations. [Click here for more information on DIG.](#)

Mike has extensive experience with commercial litigation, including litigation involving complex financial instruments and transactions. Mike thrives on tackling difficult problems and developing strategies to maximize his clients' leverage and, ultimately, their recoveries, whether through negotiation or litigation.

Additionally, Mike regularly advises clients on matters involving fraud, including Ponzi schemes, bank fraud, check kiting schemes and fraudulent transfers. He recognizes the signs of a fraudulent enterprise and counsels clients on how best to respond and protect their interests after fraud has been uncovered.

Mike earned his juris doctor from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington, Indiana, where he served as the senior managing editor of the *Indiana Law Journal*. Mike graduated from the College of William and Mary, where he majored in mathematics.

Education

- The College of William and Mary (B.A., 2003)
 - Mathematics
- Indiana University Maurer School of Law (J.D., 2007)

Services & Industries

- Bankruptcy & Restructuring
- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Corporate Reorganization & Workouts
- Creditors' Rights & Commercial Law
- Distressed Investments
- Distressed Health Care & Life Sciences
- Distressed Real Estate Litigation & Restructuring
- Financial Services Litigation & Counseling
- Lenders & Investors
- Official Committees of Unsecured Creditors
- Receiverships & Fiduciaries

Admissions

- Illinois

Professional Affiliations

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Member, Ice Miller Technology Adoption Committee

Awards & Honors

- Order of the Coif
- CALI Award for Constitutional Law II and Banking Law

Thought Leadership

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