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BRUCE J. L. LOWE is a partner in the Cleveland office of Taft. Bruce received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University in England. He is a Barrister-at-Law of the Middle Temple, having graduated from the Inns of Court School of Law in London, England. Bruce concentrates his practice in business bankruptcy, creditor's rights law and commercial litigation. He has served as Honorary Legal Advisor to Her Majesty's Consul and is currently Chair Emeritus of the British-American Chamber of Commerce, Ohio, and a member of the Executive Committee of the British-American Business Council. Bruce is also President of the Greater Cleveland International Lawyers Group. He is a frequent speaker at bankruptcy and commercial, real estate and litigation law seminars and has also lectured on the legal aspects of doing business in the U.K.

Bruce is a member of the Cleveland, Federal, and American Bar Associations. For seven years, Bruce is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation – Bankruptcy Law. He is recognized by *Chambers USA* for Bankruptcy/Restructuring Law. For many years, Bruce has been listed as one of Northeastern Ohio's Leading Lawyers by *Inside Business* magazine, and as an Ohio *Super Lawyer* by *Cincinnati Magazine*. He is a former chair of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section and is a former co-chair of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's 2013 William J O'Neill Regional Bankruptcy Institute.

Over a nearly 30-year period, Bruce has counseled and represented virtually every type of major constituent party in interest in complex Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings and out-of-court workouts, and related litigation proceedings. He has



Practice Groups:

Litigation, Real Estate, International, Business Restructuring, Bankruptcy & Creditor Rights, Construction Claims, Construction

Bar/Court Admissions:

Federal

Northern District of Ohio, Southern District of Ohio

State

Ohio

Year First Admitted to

Practice Law:

1979

Education:

Inns of Court School of Law, London (1976), St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University, England (1972)

Professional Affiliations /

Recognitions:

AV Peer Review Rating (LexisNexis/Martindale-Hubbell), Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Best Lawyers in America®, Ohio Super Lawyers, British-American Business Council (BABC), Greater Cleveland International Lawyers Group, Inside Business, Leading Lawyers, Northeastern Ohio Leading Lawyer, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation

also represented commercial and retail landlords and tenants in connection with complex bankruptcy-related and litigation matters, and he has also handled substantial representations in a wide variety of complex commercial and business litigation matters. Bruce has also handled a variety of complex matters involving receiverships and the enforcement of secured lender's rights against complex, major commercial properties and assets. He has also handled a wide variety of complex business, construction and real estate litigation matters, and has regularly represented a variety of parties in interest to bankruptcy matters involving construction companies and/or projects.

Bruce's significant recent engagements include the successful representation of a major investor and purchaser of assets in connection with Chapter 11 proceedings and related litigation involving the *Claddagh Irish Pub and Restaurant* chain (S.D. Ohio), a major bankruptcy trustee representation in *In re: Richland Hospital, Inc.* (N.D. Ohio), resulting in 100% recovery for unsecured creditors and substantial recoveries for other claims. Before that, Bruce represented General Electric Company, General Electric Capital Corporation, and Minnesota Power, Inc. in connection with multi-million dollar claims in the *LTV Steel Company* Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases (N.D. Ohio), and acted as local counsel for Minnesota Power in connection with its successful purchase of LTV's power generation plants in Northern Minnesota. Bruce was also significantly involved in the representation of the Superintendent of Insurance in Ohio in his capacity as the Liquidator of the *P.I.E. Mutual Insurance Company*, which until its liquidation proceedings, was the nation's largest medical malpractice insurance carrier. Bruce was also lead counsel to the unsecured creditors committee in the Chapter 11 cases of *Economy Lodging Systems Inc.*, and *ELS Lodging, Inc.*, f.k.a. Knights Lodging, Inc. (N.D. Ohio), the owners/franchisors of the Knights Inns motel chain. These were the most significant Chapter 11 cases in Cleveland during the second half of the 1990's, and achieved a distribution of almost 50% on allowed unsecured creditors claims.

Bruce is the immediate past chair of the Board of Directors of Easter Seals, Northern Ohio Chapter. He is a member of Elefence International, Inc., a non-profit organization facilitating wildlife conservation and humanitarian projects in Africa.