

## Bill Williams

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### Areas of Focus

Bankruptcy and  
Restructuring

Hedge, Investment, and  
Private Equity Funds



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## Overview

**Bill Williams represents distressed businesses, secured and unsecured creditors, trustees, committees, and other significant stakeholders in a range of insolvency-related proceedings, including chapter 11 cases, out-of-court restructurings, and adversary litigation.**

Bill approaches each restructuring engagement with an eye towards finding creative ways to preserve value, maximize his clients' leverage, and craft elegant solutions to complex multiparty disputes. He has achieved successful outcomes for clients in chapter 11 cases involving public and private companies across the retail, pharmaceutical, energy, manufacturing, financial services, hospitality, media, and many other industries. Bill also advises clients in connection with buying distressed assets, trading claims, and mitigating counterparty insolvency risk.

As a litigator, Bill has extensive experience investigating, prosecuting, and defending high-stakes fraudulent transfer and preference claims, lien challenge and lender liability claims, corporate fiduciary duty claims, successor liability and veil-piercing claims, and civil RICO claims in federal and state courts across the country.

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## Credentials

### Admissions

- Illinois, 2015

## **Education**

- University of Virginia School of Law, JD, 2015
- Auburn University, BA, *magna cum laude*, 2012

## **Court Admissions**

- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2016

## **Service / Recognition**

### **Awards**

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Ones to Watch, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2021-2026

### **Community**

- Bankruptcy Court Liaison Committee for the Northern District of Illinois, Member, 2021-2023
- Turnaround Management Association, NextGen Committee Member, 2020-present

### **Service to the Bar**

- Chicago Bar Association, Member, 2016-present

### **Industry**

American Bankruptcy Institute, Member, 2016-present