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Cody Jess's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, commercial bankruptcy, and business law. He is experienced in Chapter 7, 11, and 15 (cross-border insolvency) bankruptcy and is a six-time Super Lawyers® Rising Stars selectee.

A 2006 Willard H. Pedrick Scholar at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, Mr. Jess is a member of the State Bar of Arizona Bankruptcy and Trial Practice sections and the American Bankruptcy Institute, and he is a barrister in the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court.

Mr. Jess also provides pro bono assistance to indigent persons through Community Legal Services' Volunteer Lawyers Program.

PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation
Bankruptcy
Business Law
Settlement Advocacy

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Arizona: Member, Bankruptcy Section, Trial Practice Section
American Bankruptcy Institute
Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court: Barrister

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Super Lawyers Rising Stars, 2012-2017
Pro Bono Honor Roll, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona, 2012, 2013, 2017
Bankruptcy Pro Bono Panel, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona (*The Gideon*, Summer 2015)
Attorney of the Month, August 2013, Volunteer Lawyers Program
Top 50 Pro Bono Attorneys in Arizona, Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education, 2012
Maricopa County Bar Association, Volunteer Lawyers Program:
Consumer Finance Attorney of the Year, 2010

CLERKSHIP

Judicial Extern, Hon. Randolph J. Haines, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona, 2005-2006

ARTICLES

"Loop Becomes a Knot: The Importance of More than One Impaired, Consenting Class and Other Takeaways from *In re Loop 76 LLC* (co-author), ABI Real Estate Committee Newsletter, September 2014
"Exculpatory Clauses in Chapter 11 Plans of Reorganization," June 2011

PRESENTATIONS

"Very Good Debates – Earned Upon Receipt Flat Fees in Chapter 7 Bankruptcy," American Bankruptcy Institute 25th Annual Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, September 2017
"In re Boates – Rejecting the Prepaid Legal Fee Contract," District of Arizona Annual Conference, March 2017

"Basics of an Individual Chapter 11 Case," State Bar of Arizona, March 2014

"The Annual Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Seminar: Everything You Need to Know and More," Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, September 2014

"Exemptions and Pre-Bankruptcy Planning," Maricopa County Bar Association, May 2014

"Student Loans, Bankruptcy Code Section 363 Sales," Maricopa County Bar Association, May 2013

"Direct and Cross Examination: To Ask or Not to Ask, That Is the Question," Bankruptcy Trial Skills Program, Arizona Bankruptcy American Inns of Court and State Bar of Arizona Bankruptcy Section (co-sponsors), March 2013

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 2007
Arizona, 2007

EDUCATION

J.D., Arizona State University, 2006: Willard H. Pedrick Scholar
B.I.S., *summa cum laude*, Political Science and Justice Studies, Arizona State University, 2002: Barrett Honors College

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Phoenix School of Law: Adjunct Professor, Consumer Law, Debt and Bankruptcy Clinic, Fall 2013

Volunteer Lawyers Program, Chapter 7 Reaffirmation Clinic: Friend of the Court, United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona, 2010-present

Federal Bar Association: "CourtWorks" Participant, October 2011

BIRTHPLACE

Spokane, Washington