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My Practice

BANKRUPTCY & CREDITORS' RIGHTS
CORPORATE COUNSEL
CANNABIS & HEMP LAW
BUSINESS LAW & TRANSACTIONS
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Kortney's practice focuses on commercial bankruptcy and business law. This includes contracts, transactions, litigation, and settlement resolution. She is also a skilled mediator and settlement advocate.

Kortney has vast business experience spanning over 20 years. Prior to law, she owned several companies involved in the manufacturing of nutraceuticals and other recognizable products, and real estate and investment interests. She also owned multiple franchised restaurants. Having run several businesses, Kortney has valuable experience and operations knowledge, and the insight and understanding that only comes from managing businesses and dealing with problems first-hand. She is knowledgeable on a myriad of corporate issues, including vendor, creditor, and employee relations, and understands the complexity of her clients' tasks of operating companies. In addition to her transactional and corporate practice, she also has significant litigation experience in state, federal, and appellate courts that lend to her ability to proficiently advise businesses in resolving problems.

She completed a highly sought-after federal clerkship and served as Chief Judge Daniel P. Collins' and Judge George B. Nielsen Jr.'s judicial law clerk at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona, in Phoenix.

Kortney earned her J.D. from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, where she was a Willard H. Pedrick Scholar and graduated in the top tier of her class. She also earned multiple CALI Awards, awarded to the top student in class, for: Contracts, Trusts and Estates, Criminal Procedure, and Sports Law.

While in law school, she served a judicial externship for Hon. Eddward P. Ballinger, Jr., at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona. She also attained her Mediation Certificate and completed ASU's Lodestar Mediation Clinic program, where she was voted best mediator. She has mediation experience in Justice Court, Bankruptcy Court, the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission), and private mediations.

She earned her B.A. in International Affairs from the University of Colorado at Denver, with an emphasis on Political Science, French, and Economics. She was a Dean's List Scholar and completed a study abroad in northern France.

Kortney is a member of the State Bar of Arizona's sections on Bankruptcy, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Business Law. She has also participated in the Community Legal Services' Volunteer Lawyers Program and represented low-income litigants pro bono.

EDUCATION

Arizona State University
J.D., 2014
Pedrick Scholar

University of Colorado at Denver
B.A., 2003
Dean's Scholar

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Colorado, 2016
- Arizona, 2015
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 2016
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2022

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Arizona: Bankruptcy Section, Employment and Labor Law Section, Business Law Section
- Arizona Cannabis Bar Association, Member
- Phoenix Business Journal's ACE Awards Sponsor, Interview Team Member, 2022

HONORS & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America® Ones To Watch*, ankrruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2024; Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), 2024; Litigation - Bankruptcy, 2024
- Arizona's Top Women of Cannabis, *Arizona Business Magazine*, 2023
- AZ Business Leader - Cannabis, *Arizona Business Magazine*, 2023

COMMUNITY & PHILANTHROPY

- Community Legal Services: Volunteer Lawyers Program
- C.A.R.E. (Credit Abuse Resistance Education), Volunteer

PUBLISHED WORKS

- Starting a Cannabis Business? Here's What Entrepreneurs Should Consider First, *Phoenix Business Journal*, May 1, 2023
- What Businesses Need to Know About Arizona's Sports and Event Betting Law, *InBusiness Magazine*, April 1, 2023
- The Post-Discharge Injunction: A Cautionary Lesson for Litigators, *Arizona Attorney Magazine*, February 1, 2022
- Chapter 5: Fiduciary Duties in the Context of the Limited Liability Company, *Litigating Fiduciary Duty Claims*, January 27, 2022

LIVE MEDIA

- AZ BIG Podcast: Kortney Otten Talks Cannabis Law in Arizona, May 18, 2022

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Diamond Sports Group, LLC. – represented Arizona Diamondbacks in enforcing telecast rights agreement with regional television broadcast networks in Chapter 11.
- Prescott Brewing Company, Inc. – represented 30-year Prescott landmark in Chapter 11 and related litigation after wrongful termination of its lease.
- Lumen Technologies dba Qwest Corp. – represented telecommunications company in property damage litigation.
- In re Michael S. Pollock – represented debtor in chapter 7 and substantial complex nondischargeability litigation.
- Hays v. Dutton et. al., – represented defendant in nondischargeability litigation and Arizona court of appeals action.
- In re Tri Star Logging, Inc. – represented one of Arizona's largest forestry operations in Chapter 11.

OTHER

CLERKSHIPS

- Judicial Law Clerk, Chief Judge Daniel P. Collins, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona
- Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable George B. Nielsen, Jr., U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona
- Judicial Extern, Honorable Eddward P. Ballinger, Jr., U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona