



David W. Criswell

Partner

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“Over years of practice, I have been honored to guide clients through many challenging financial situations. With a calming presence and judgment honed over time, I am able to break down complex problems for clients and lay out a clear path to resolution.”

David Criswell focuses his practice on business bankruptcy, receiverships, loan workouts and recoveries, loan documentation, and real estate. He has represented numerous trustees, secured lenders, and purchasers in complex Chapter 11 cases. David also frequently represents receivers in complex insolvency proceedings as well as both lenders and borrowers in out-of-court loan restructurings. David also is trusted by special servicers, community and regional banks, distressed asset purchasers, and bridge lenders for assistance with loan recoveries, loan documentation, asset acquisitions, and other financial services issues.

Before joining Miller Nash, David practiced at a prominent Pacific Northwest law firm.

Representative Experience

Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights

- Represented receiver in cross-border Oregon receivership/CCAA case with going concern sale of vertically integrated cannabis business.*
- Represented special servicers in Oregon and Washington receiverships, foreclosures and chapter 11 cases.*
- Represented chapter 11 trustee in the sale of senior housing facility.*
- Represented chapter 11 trustee in the sale of kit aircraft manufacturer.*
- Represented CMBS lenders in complex SEC receivership/chapter 11 cases.*
- Represented debtor in pre-bankruptcy M&A transactions and chapter 11 debtor in possession in liquidating chapter 11.*
- Represented debtor in possession in chapter 11 with confirmed plan and negotiated CPSC nationwide recall of in-wall heaters.*
- Extensive experience in representing secured lenders, purchasers and debtors in farm/agricultural insolvency proceedings.*

**Prior to joining Miller Nash*

Education

J.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, *cum laude*, 1989

B.A., Dartmouth College, 1986

Bar Admissions

Oregon, 1992
Washington, 2003
Wisconsin, inactive
Illinois, inactive

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

Presentations

- “When Collateral Becomes Cash: The Legal and Practical Realities of Distressed Sales,” Turnaround Management Association, 2026 Cross-Border Conference, panelist (Oct. 2026)

Recognition & Honors

- Recognized as a “Leader in Their Field” by *Chambers USA* for Bankruptcy/Restructuring—Oregon, 2022-2025
- “500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers,” *Lawdragon*, 2020, 2022-2024
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Portland, OR)
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization, 2015-present
- Selected for inclusion as an Oregon Super Lawyer, 2011-2025
 - Top 50 Oregon Super Lawyers, 2020-2022
- Peer Review Rated Lawyer of AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®