



## James G. Kozelek

— Shareholder

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Jim strives to educate his clients without overwhelming them – and that includes speaking in terms they can easily understand.

Jim leads the firm’s commercial collections practice area, and is also the managing attorney for the firm’s Columbus office. Focusing exclusively on commercial accounts, he partners with banks and businesses both local and national in scale to offer comprehensive recovery strategies. This may include traditional agency type collections, or more complex matters such as litigation or arbitration.

An active member of the legal community, Jim serves as chair of the board of directors for First Service Federal Credit Union, an institution he has supported in a volunteer capacity for more than 10 years. As chair, he works to ensure the credit union follows all state and federal laws and regulations, and that proper policies, procedures, and controls are in place for both management and staff. He has also held leadership roles with the Commercial Law League of America (CLLA) and is currently serving as President-elect.

Jim grew up in a large family of eight – half of which are now attorneys! He is married with a son and a daughter, and enjoys his current status as an “empty nester.” He recently reunited with his former bandmates, who have been performing all original music for the first time since the early ‘90s. The experience has been so much fun that the band decided to hit the recording studio to prepare all new material for release. Jim also likes to cook, and is constantly learning how to “fix things” around the house (after he breaks them).

### Focus Areas

- ▶ Commercial Collections
  - ▶ Arbitration, Defense & Appellate Matters
  - ▶ Commercial Agency Collections
  - ▶ Commercial Litigation

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## Honors & Distinctions

- ▶ Martindale-Hubbell BV® Distinguished™ Peer Review Rated
- ▶ Attorney Ohio Rising Stars List (2010-11)

## Admissions

- ▶ Ohio (2001)
- ▶ U.S. Bankruptcy Court (2001)
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (2001)

## Education

- ▶ J.D., *cum laude*, Order of the Curia, Capital University Law School
- ▶ (2001) B.A., English, The Ohio State University (1997)

## Affiliations

- ▶ American Bar Association: Member
- ▶ Columbus Bar Association: Member
- ▶ Columbus Bar Foundation: Fellow
- ▶ Commercial Law League of America: President-Elect (2021); Recording Secretary (2019-2021); Creditors' Rights Section Representative to the Board of Governors (2017-18); Chair of the Midwest Region (2014-15); Treasurer of the Creditors' Rights Section (2009-10)
- ▶ Ohio State Bar Association: Member

## Publications

- ▶ "Weltman Announces Columbus Office Relocation," Weltman News (June 28, 2021)
- ▶ "Weltman Shareholder Jim Kozelek Elected as President-Elect of the Commercial Law League of America," Weltman News (May 13, 2021)
- ▶ "Weltman Shareholder James G. Kozelek Elected Recording Secretary for the Commercial Law League of America," Weltman News (May 29, 2019)
- ▶ "H.R.5082 Proposes Change to FDCPA and CFPB," Weltman Insights (September 12, 2018)
- ▶ "Looks Like Arbitration is Here to Stay," Weltman Insights (December 7, 2017)
- ▶ "Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA Shareholder Elected Chair of the Board of Directors for First Service Federal Credit Union," Weltman News (June 8, 2017)

## Publications

- ▶ “Weltman’s Jim Kozelek is New Vice Chair of the Board for First Service Federal Credit Union,” Weltman News (March 11, 2015)
- ▶ “Weltman Congratulates Jim Kozelek on His Appointment with the CLLA,” Weltman News (April 30, 2014)
- ▶ “Weltman Welcomes New Partners in 2012,” Weltman News (January 4, 2012)
- ▶ “Social Media: Friend or Foe?,” Weltman Insights (December 13, 2011)
- ▶ “Weltman Congratulates Jim Kozelek on His Nomination,” Weltman News (October 21, 2011) “Weltman Congratulates Jim Kozelek,” Weltman News (April 25, 2011)
- ▶ “2010 Ohio Rising Stars,” Weltman News (October 20, 2010)

## Presentations

- ▶ “Recent Legislative Changes in the FDCPA and CFPB,” Commercial Law League of America (CLLA) 125<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Orlando, FL (May 4, 2019)
- ▶ “2017 Legislative Forum (Panel Presentation),” Commercial Law League of America (CLLA) 123<sup>rd</sup> National Convention, Chicago, IL (April 7, 2017)