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Isaac focuses on bankruptcy, creditor's rights litigation, and commercial litigation.

Isaac brings a pragmatic and rational approach to his clients' matters which often involve highly contested and financially distressed situations. Clients that he serves include banks, other lending institutions, special servicers, commercial landlords, and corporate clients in all aspects of corporate restructurings, workouts, and insolvency proceedings, including substantial experience in commercial Chapter 11 restructurings. Isaac also brings his restructuring and insolvency experience in representing and advising his clients in various litigation and alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Isaac is listed in both *Best Lawyers* and *Southwest Super Lawyers*.

Select Experience

- Lead counsel representing owner on significant construction defect case involving multiple defects from work of general contractor and over 20 subcontractors; successfully resolved case after completion of discovery at summary judgment stage with eight-figure settlement.
- Co-Lead counsel for Debtor in successful Chapter 11 Reorganization of healthcare company with \$40 million + annual revenue; Objections of Primary Creditor (and competitor trying to drive debtor out of business through litigation) were overruled following a total of 8 days of contested confirmation spanning two separate trials.
- Co-lead trial counsel in obtaining \$3.2 million verdict following 8-day bench trial in case involving dispute over partnership/ownership status and minority partner oppression in cannabis venture in Seattle, Washington.
- Lead counsel in obtaining \$5 million Arbitration Award including \$1 million in punitive damages; case involved real estate development partnership dispute where arbitrator found defendant partner liable for fraud and breach of duty of good faith and fair dealing in siphoning off client's investment for other projects and personal expenses.

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals

Education

- Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University (J.D., 2002)
 - *magna cum laude*
 - Order of the Coif; Pedrick Scholar; Armstrong Award
 - William C. Canby Appellate Advocacy Competition (Winner)
 - Arizona State National Moot Court Team
 - Arizona State Law Journal (Staff Writer, Fall 2000)
- Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management (Certificate, Leadership Program, 2016)
- University of Arizona (B.A., 1998)
 - *with honors*

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- California

Professional Affiliations

- Board Member - High Country Adaptive Sports, a non-profit dedicated to providing outdoor physical sport opportunities to the disabled (2022-present)
- Pro Bono Attorney, Arizona Justice Project, handling habeas corpus and post-convictions proceedings for potential wrongful convicted prisoners (2007–present)
- Arizona State University Art Museum, Advisory Board Member (2009–2012)
- Turnaround Management Association (Member)
- State Bar of Arizona (Member)
- Capitol Elementary School (Volunteer, 2002–present)
- Arthritis Foundation's Oscar Night America (Board Member, 2006)
- Volunteer Lawyers Program (Volunteer Pro-Bono Lawyer)

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*® Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Bankruptcy Litigation, Phoenix, 2018-2026
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*® Bankruptcy: Business, 2013-2014, 2026; Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights, 2015-2018
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Stars," 2012

Languages

- Spanish