

# Sugar Felsenthal Grais & Hammer LLP



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### Practice Areas

[Bankruptcy, Reorganization & Creditors' Rights](#)

[Business Transactions](#)

[Commercial & Probate Litigation](#)

### Admissions

#### Bar Admissions

Illinois  
New York  
Michigan

#### Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court (Appeared  
in *Ron Pair Enterprises, Inc.*)  
U.S. Courts of Appeals

- Third Circuit
- Fourth Circuit
- Sixth Circuit
- Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Courts

- Northern District of Illinois
- Eastern District of Michigan

**Michael H. Traison is an attorney working in Restructuring and Insolvency International, Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution. Michael is a widely recognized leader in helping businesses solve their commercial problems and has specialized in all types of commercial matters for 35 years.**

He represents clients with business problems from litigation to issues of debtors and creditors' committees in Chapter 11 reorganizations, and in out-of-court workouts. Michael also represents clients with interests throughout the world with a special focus on Israel, Poland, the Czech Republic and elsewhere in Eastern Europe.

A tireless advocate on behalf of his clients, Michael has appeared before courts throughout the United States, Poland and Israel.

Prior to entering the practice of law, Michael was a public school teacher for 15 years in Detroit, Michigan and in Essex County, Ontario. He is certified in Michigan and Ontario as a secondary school teacher.

### Memberships

American Bankruptcy Institute

Turnaround Management Association

International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (Board Of Governors)

American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (Vice-President)

Bar Associations of States of New York, Illinois and Michigan

Decalogue Society (Board of Trustees)

American Israel Chamber of Commerce (President Emeritus)

Canada-U.S. Business Council (Editor of Newsletter)

- Northern District of California
- Eastern District of Texas

Poland America Chamber of Commerce (Board Member Emeritus)

The Arab American Bar Association

The Forward Association

## Education

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Michigan State University  
College of Law, J.D., 1983  
Wayne State University, M.Ed.,  
1970, Ph.B. 1968 (Monteith  
College)  
Post-Graduate Work: University  
of Windsor (Ontario)

## Honors

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Selected by peers as a Leading Lawyer in: Bankruptcy & Workout Law:  
Commercial: Creditor's Rights/Commercial Collections Law (2014 - 2017)

Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, 2013

Polish-American Heritage Award, Polish-American Heritage Council, 2003

Best Lawyers in America

2014 Chicago Litigation-Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year

Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency & Reorganization Law 2006-  
present

Litigation-Bankruptcy 2015-present

Michigan Super Lawyers, Bankruptcy & Creditor-Debtor, 2007-2014

Illinois Super Lawyers, Bankruptcy & Creditor-Debtor, 2015-present

International Humanitarian Award, Jerusalem Peace Award, 2008

DBusiness Magazine, Top Lawyers, Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights 2011

Martin Sandler Award, America-Israel Chamber of Commerce Chicago, 2012

Decalogue Society of Lawyers, Presidential Citation, 2013, Board of Directors, 2015-  
present

Teraz Polska Friend of Poland and Outstanding Polish American, 2014 (to learn more  
about Michael Traison's work in Poland, click [here](#)).

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