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For more than 30 years, Uzzi Raanan has served as a lawyer and advisor in bankruptcy and business reorganization matters. Trustees and creditor committees frequently turn to him with their most challenging matters. Clients seek counsel from Uzzi for tough business challenges and when looking for proactive strategies to resolve business problems.

Uzzi has extensive experience representing creditors and debtors and Chapter 11 creditor committees as well as court-appointed receivers and bankruptcy trustees with regard to insolvencies, business bankruptcy preplanning and litigation, state and federal court receiverships, and commercial law disputes, including loan guaranties and assignments of ownership interests. His litigation practice includes prosecuting and defending fraudulent transfer and preferential transfer avoidance actions, nondischargeability, discharge, asset sales, and claims disputes. He also specializes in handling appeals and a myriad of other issues arising in bankruptcy.

Uzzi has held leadership positions with various bar groups, including serving as a member of the California Lawyers Association's Board of Representatives (including Board Secretary), Chair of the Business Law Section and Co-Chair of the Insolvency Law Committee of the State Bar of California, member of the Board of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum (LABF), President of the Beverly Hills Bar Foundation, and member of the Board of Governors of the Beverly Hills Bar Association. In 2019, Uzzi was honored as Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year by the Century City Bar Association. Uzzi has spoken on the topic of insolvency on multiple panels and is a regular contributor to Westlaw's Commercial Finance Newsletter (CFN).

Professional Affiliations

- California Lawyers Association (CLA), Business Law Section representative to the

Services

- Bankruptcy, Reorganization & Capital Recovery

CLA Board of Representatives (2019-2023)

- Chair, Executive Committee of the Business Law Section (BLS), State Bar of California and California Lawyers Association – comprised of 15 Standing Committees with over 7,900 members (2017-2018)
- Co-Chair, Insolvency Law Committee, State Bar of California (2013-2014) – served as editor-in-chief of eBulletin publication, among other leadership roles
- Member of Board of Governors, Beverly Hills Bar Association (2014-2018)
- President, Beverly Hills Bar Foundation (2011-2012) – served on BHBF Board for five years
- Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, member of Board of Directors (2020-2024)
- Financial Lawyers Conference, member

Community and Charitable Organizations

- Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, 1993–2006, including the following roles:
 - Co-Chair of Super Sunday fundraising day (Metro Site)
 - Vice Chair of Access, the young adult leadership program
 - Vice Chair of Metro/West Region
 - Member of Jewish Community Relations Committee
 - LA/Tel Aviv Partnership: Chair, young adult leadership group

Awards

- Listed, *LA Times Studios*, Banking & Finance Visionaries, 2026
- Listed, *Legal 500*, US Elite Los Angeles - Banking & Finance, 2026
- 2019 Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year, Century City Bar Association
- Profile/Recognition Business Law Section eNews, California State Bar, Business Law Section, February 2015
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2023-2026
- Listed, *Southern California Super Lawyers*, in the field of Bankruptcy, 2012-2026

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California
- United States District Court, Northern District of California
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Education

- University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (J.D., 1992)
- San Diego State University (B.A., 1988)

Publications

July 28, 2025

Sovereign Immunity and Younger Abstention Doctrine Don't Protect States from Antidiscrimination Provisions

July 28, 2025

Wolfspeed's Bankruptcy: What's Ahead for the Chipmaker

June 18, 2025

United States v. Miller: U.S. Supreme Court Narrows the Scope of Sovereign Immunity Abrogation Under Section 106(a)

June 18, 2025

Vegan Chain Planta Seeks Relief Through Reorganization