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Samuel Maizel is a partner in Dentons' Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy group, and leads his firm's healthcare industry restructuring efforts nationwide. His practice includes bankruptcy matters and financial restructuring in- and out-of-court in all industries, and he leads the firm's healthcare industry restructuring efforts nationwide. In chapter 11 cases, he has served as lead counsel to debtors, trustees, and creditors' committees, as well as serving as a trustee, examiner, patient care ombudsman, and consumer privacy ombudsman. He has represented many buyers and sellers of assets in chapter 11 cases. In chapter 9 cases, Sam has represented local hospital districts and other governmental units, as debtor's counsel and as counsel to creditors' committees.

Sam has served as lead counsel to hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, durable medical equipment distributors, skilled nursing facilities, and numerous other healthcare industry debtors, as well as serving as a trustee, examiner, and patient care ombudsman. He is currently lead counsel in the Verity Health System bankruptcy cases in Los Angeles (6 hospitals), and the Astria Health System bankruptcy cases in Yakima, Washington (3 hospitals).

Before joining Dentons, Sam was a partner in a national bankruptcy firm, and previous to that he represented the federal government in bankruptcy, district, and appellate courts nationwide as a trial attorney in the US Department of Justice's Commercial Litigation Branch. He has also served in US Army's The Judge Advocate General's Corps, including service in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Previously he served as an Infantry Officer in the 101st Airborne Division and the 3rd US Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard).

Sam has lectured extensively, is widely published, and been interviewed on television and radio on bankruptcy topics. Every year since 2007, he has been named a "Super Lawyer" in an annual region-wide peer survey, an honor bestowed on only 5% of Southern California attorneys; holds an AV Preeminent Peer Rating, Martindale-Hubbell's highest recognition for ethical standards and legal ability; and was named a "Best Lawyer in America" for Healthcare in the 21st edition of Best Lawyers in America. He is based in Los Angeles.

EDUCATION

- JD, George Washington University School of Law, 1985
- MA, Georgetown University, 1983
- BS, United States Military Academy, 1977

ADMISSIONS

- California
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