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Rhys Williams is an associate in the firm's Financial and Real Estate Services practice group, focusing on banking and debtor and creditor rights.

He represents clients in commercial transactions and related finance matters involving debtor and creditor rights, lender liability, bankruptcy, restructurings and workouts. He routinely counsels both creditors and debtors on methods of insuring that their respective interests are protected. He also helps lenders assess and secure collateral by reviewing loan documents.

BACKGROUND

Before joining Armstrong Teasdale, Rhys served as a judicial clerk to the Hon. Gary A. Fenner in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Prior to that, he was a summer associate at Armstrong Teasdale and also served as a law clerk for a firm in Omaha, Nebraska.

EDUCATION

- Creighton University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2018)
 - Creighton Law Review – Editor in Chief
 - Moot Court Board – Problem Director
 - Moot Court Competition – First Place Team Member
- Nebraska Wesleyan University (B.S., *with distinction*, 2015)

EXPERIENCE

Renegotiation of Nearly 1,000 Retail Leases for Men's Clothing Retailer

Completed a two-phase renegotiation of nearly 1,000 retail leases across the United States and Canada for a men's retail clothing client in connection with COVID-19 impacts and the client's emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. In the first phase, we negotiated rent deferral agreements for nearly 400 retail locations in connection with the impact of COVID-19 and related government-mandated closures on the client's operations; and assisted with nearly two dozen litigation matters relating to closures in several states. In the second phase, following the client's declaration of Chapter 11 bankruptcy, we renegotiated nearly 850 retail leases assumed by the client in connection with the bankruptcy proceedings, successfully finalizing and obtaining full execution of nearly 99% of renegotiated leases submitted for legal review, nearly three

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Financial Services and Banking

Financial Services

Bankruptcy and Financial
Restructuring

ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Illinois

times the success rate the client had originally anticipated.

Assignment of Interests in Limited Partnerships Owning 700+ Kansas Apartment Units

Assisted multiple general partner entities with the assignment of their interests in 38 limited partnerships that own approximately 700 multifamily apartment units located in the State of Kansas. The assignments included seeking approval and consent to the transfers from approximately 100 limited partners, the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development.

Purchaser's, Lender's Counsel for \$20.8 Million Credit Facility

Served as purchaser's and lender's counsel with respect to a \$20.8 million credit facility related to the acquisition and development of a 216-unit low-income multifamily housing project located in South Carolina.