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Biography

Greg Azeff's practice focuses on bankruptcy and insolvency law. Greg has worked with businesses from a wide range of industries including banking & financial services, securities, information technology, mining, shipping, automotive manufacturing, fashion & apparel, entertainment, commercial & residential property management, media & publishing, commercial aviation and construction. Greg has acted in some of the largest and most complex restructurings in the country, and has played a lead role in a number of international cases involving jurisdictions in the Americas as well as Europe, Africa and Asia.

Greg has been a member of the Law Society of Ontario since 2002. He has substantial experience representing debtors, creditors, trustees, receivers and monitors in court-supervised insolvency proceedings, and has helped a number of distressed companies avoid court proceedings by successfully completing out-of court restructurings.

In addition to his insolvency practice, Greg advises start-ups and other businesses on matters that include initial organization, fundraising and capital structure, mergers & acquisitions, private equity placement, debt financing and securitization, joint ventures and the negotiation of complex commercial agreements.

Greg served as CEO of a Canadian technology company for four years and has been a director of several corporations, giving him an appreciation for many of the challenges faced by business owner/operators and entrepreneurs.

A native of Montreal, Greg studied management at McGill University before attending Osgoode Hall Law School. While at Osgoode, Greg was awarded the *J.S.D. Tory Award for Excellence in Legal Research and Writing*. In 2006, Greg was recognized in the Insolvency & Restructuring section of *Chambers & Partners: World's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

Professional achievements & leadership

- The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory - Insolvency & Financial Restructuring, 2020 - 2024
- Member of the Executive, Insolvency Section, Ontario Bar

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Association

- JSD Tory Award for Excellence in Legal Research & Writing, Who's Who, 2005 - 2009
- Chambers and Partners: World's Leading Lawyers for Business (2006 edition)

Notable matters

- Counsel to the CCAA Monitor in *Re Kraus Brands Inc. et al.*
- Counsel to the Proposal Trustee in *Re Bella Senior Care Residences Inc.*
- Counsel to the Court-appointed Receiver in the receivership of Ismac Marina Inc. o/a A.C. Marina
- Counsel to the Court-appointed Receiver in *HSBC Bank Canada v. Mahvash Lehcier-Kimel*
- Counsel to the Court-appointed Receiver in *Meridian Credit Union Limited v. Vandermeer Greenhouses Ltd.*
- Counsel to the applicant creditor in the receivership of the GSR Mining Corporation and AJ Perron Gold Corp.
- Counsel to the Court-appointed CCAA Monitor in *Re Ghana Gold Corporation*
- Counsel to the Court-appointed CCAA Monitor in *Re The Futura Loyalty Group Inc.*

Thought leadership

- Co-author, "Focus on Canada", Digitorney's Crisis Navigator, April 8, 2020
- Co-author, "Costs, Communication, and *Quadriga*: Key Factors in Appointing Representative Counsel", Banking & Finance Law Review
- Speaker, "Building a Mystery – Investigations and Realizing on Foreign Assets", 17th Annual Review of Insolvency Law, February 7, 2020
- Presenter, "Quadriga Fintech Solutions Digital Assets in Insolvencies", Osgoode Annual Update in Corporate Insolvency and Restructuring, December 12, 2019.
- Panelist, "Mentorship, Leadership, and Vision: How the titans of our trade got to where they are", TMA NextGen Leadership Conference, November 15, 2019
- Speaker, "Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies: Tracing Transactions", Forensic & Valuation Services Conference of the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants, November 4 - 6, 2019
- Presenter, "OsgoodePD Essential Forum in Corporate Insolvency and Restructuring", October 4, 2019
- Co-author, "Secured Lenders Beware! Saskatchewan is Proposing to Create a Superpriority for Employer Obligations to Pension Plans", Banking & Finance Law Review Issue 3, Volume 34, April 2019
- Co-author, "Governing the Ungovernable: Cryptocurrencies in Insolvency Proceedings", Annual Review of Insolvency Law, 2019 Thomson Reuters Canada Limited, page 363
- Panelist, "Considering Cryptocurrency", Annual Review of Insolvency Law, February 1, 2019

Professional memberships

- Law Society of Ontario

Bar admissions & education

- Ontario, 2002

- LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, 2000
- McGill University, 1997