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#### I. Attorney admissions

New York State Courts - January 12, 1998 United States District Court for the Southern District of New York - February 17, 1998 United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit - May 28, 1999 United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York - May 18, 2004 United States District Court for the Northern District of New York - January 23, 2019

II.	<b>Professional Organizations</b>	Admitted	Active/Inactive
	American Bankruptcy Institute	2004	Active
	Litigation Counsel of America	2023	Active
	New York City Bar Association	1997	Inactive
	Federal Bar Council	1998	Inactive

#### III. General Professional Experience

Before specializing in bankruptcy litigation, I was an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx. As an ADA, I handled over 60 criminal appeals before State and Federal Courts in New York and tried two cases. I then joined the Security and Exchange Committee's Enforcement Division as a staff attorney. At the SEC, I investigated suspected violations of the Federal Securities laws.

Subsequently, I joined Hahn & Hessen LLP where I handled numerous litigations before focusing exclusively on bankruptcy. After leaving Hahn & Hessen, I joined a global law firm where I was chair of the firm's bankruptcy and financial restructuring group. In June of 2019, I joined Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP where I am a partner and the Chair of the firm's Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring Department. In July of 2023, I joined Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP as a bankruptcy partner in the Capital Markets Group.

### IV. Experience and Familiarity with Bankruptcy Law

My bankruptcy practice consists of the representation of committees, debtors, trustees, secured and unsecured creditors, plaintiffs and defendants throughout the bankruptcy process. As part of that practice, I have been responsible for the prosecution, defense and mediation of over 3,000 avoidance actions, as well as litigating asset sales, contested administrative expense claims, claim objections and other contested matters.

Additionally, through my membership in the New York City Bar Association Bankruptcy Pro Bono Panel, I have represented a brother and sister who were defendants in avoidance actions brought by the trustee of their father's bankruptcy estate, as well as an individual in a discharge action.

## V. Mediation Training

I completed the American Bankruptcy Institute, St. John's University School of Law and The Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution combined Bankruptcy Mediation Training 4 Day Program in its inaugural session in 2012.

## VI. Mediation Experience

I am an author of a note titled *Bankruptcy Mediation* in the Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice and co-author of an ABI book titled *Bankruptcy Mediation*. I have written several ABI articles including articles specifically addressing bankruptcy mediation: (1) *Remedies for Refusing to Consummate a Settlement Agreement Reached at Mediation*, (2) *The Hypothetical Hits of Mediation*, (3) *To Report or Not to Report?*, (4) *You Gotta Have Faith*, and (5) *Mediation: Mother, May I?*. I also co-lead an ABI podcast titled *Reframing Mediation* where I discuss bankruptcy mediation decisions and trends including confidentiality, preparation, remote mediation, bad faith, and mediation statements.

I am the Co-Chair of ABI Mediation Committee, previously having served as the Co-Education Director and the Co-Communications Manager. I am on the mediator registries of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. I have represented adversary proceeding plaintiffs (trustees, creditors' committee and debtors) and defendants, or served as a mediator, in over 200 mediations in both New York and Delaware.

I have been involved in mediations in numerous bankruptcy cases including Revlon, Insys Therapeutics, Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, Augustus Intelligence, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, Furniture Brands, Advance Watch Co., Draw Another Circle, LLC, Health Diagnostic, Quicksilver Resources Inc., WP Steel Venture LLC, Rupari, Standard Register, Kodak, Dewey & LeBoeuf, Penn Traffic, MPC, American Home Mortgage, New Century Mortgage, MRI, Pillowtex, Musicland, American Classic Voyages.

# VII. Area of Expertise

In addition to providing overall advice and guidance on a variety of bankruptcy matters, I specialize in handling contested matters (claims objections) and the prosecution and defense of avoidance actions.

# VII. General pertinent business or legal experience

As a math and economics major, I have a unique understanding of statistics and mathematical analyses that are often involved in avoidance actions.