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### Profile

### Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
  - *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy, 1993-2022 (listed for more than 25 years)
    - Lawyer of the Year - Syracuse, Litigation - Bankruptcy, 2013; 2019
    - Lawyer of the Year - Syracuse, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2012
  - *New York Super Lawyers*®, Bankruptcy: Business, 2021 (listed for more than 10 years)
  - *Martindale-Hubbell*®, AV Preeminent Rated
- Upstate New York Turnaround Management Association, Founder and Director, Former Program Director and Former Membership Director
- New York State Bar Association
- Onondaga County Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Capital Region New York Bankruptcy Bar Association
- Commercial Law League of America
- Central New York Bankruptcy Bar Association, Founder and First President

### Representative Publications

- Quoted in "Higher Ed Law Firm Takes on Bankruptcy Trustees in Tuition Battles," *The Wall Street Journal*, June 29, 2016

### Representative Presentations

- Distressed Institutions of Higher Education: An Exploration of Options, Employment Law Alliance, November 3, 2021
- The Great Contraction: Managing Financial Distress with Strategic Partnerships, Mergers, and Institutional and Program Closures, NACUA Annual Conference, June 24, 2021

### Education

- Creighton University (J.D., *cum laude*, 1983)
- London School of Economics (*Summer 1982*)
- State University of New York at Plattsburgh (B.A., *cum laude*, 1980)

### Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Courts in New York

### Practices

- Health Care
- Business Restructuring, Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy

- Time Bombs in Bankruptcy, New York State Bar Association, October 22, 2020
- Lecture regarding Distress Investing, Le Moyne College Madden School of Business at Fordham Law School, June 6, 2018; June 5, 2019
- Moderator, *Sound Investing vs. Speculation: Yesterday, Today, and the Future*, Upstate New York Turnaround Management Association, Manufacturer's Association of Central New York, CenterState CEO, Upstate Venture Connect, and the Madden School of Business event, April 18, 2018
- Panel Member, Four Part Webinar Series: *The Business of Higher Education: Sustainability*, January 22, 2018; *The Business of Higher Education: Strategic Planning and Leadership*, February 26, 2018; *The Business of Higher Education: Return on Investment*, March 26, 2018 and *The Business of Higher Education: Sustainability, Leadership, Assessment and Action*, April 30, 2018
- Panel Member, *Beyond Quick Fixes: Building a Sustainable Small College Business Model*, Eastern Association of College and University Business Officers, October 2017