

Arthur J. Abramowitz, Esquire
Sherman Silverstein Kohl Rose & Podolsky

Arthur J. Abramowitz is shareholder with the firm, and chair of the firm's Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Workout department.

Mr. Abramowitz has substantial experience in various aspects of corporate reorganizations and workouts, as well as commercial litigation and is widely recognized as a leader of the bankruptcy bar. He has successfully reorganized numerous debtors and has represented creditors' committees, secured and unsecured creditors and trustees. Mr. Abramowitz has also served as trustee in several Chapter 11 cases. A substantial part of his practice is related to both in court and out of court workouts involving debtors, guarantors and lenders. He has been involved in mass tort cases relating to asbestos, as well as diet supplements. Mr. Abramowitz has served as a mediator, Receiver and Trustee in numerous cases and has been an expert witness in a number of bankruptcy related cases. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals has chosen him on numerous occasions as a member of the merit selection committee for the appointment of Bankruptcy Judges. A past president of the Camden County and Federal Bar Associations, Mr. Abramowitz has also served as the President of the Bankruptcy Section of the New Jersey Bar Association and Chair of the Lawyers Advisory Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey. Mr. Abramowitz is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Mr. Abramowitz has led his firm's representation of the Talc Creditors' Committee II in the LTL Management Chapter 11 case and in the representation of sixty-two parishes, certain schools and certain missions of the Diocese of Camden Chapter 11 case pending in Camden.

Mr. Abramowitz graduated from Rutgers University in 1969 and from Temple University School of Law in 1972, where he was Executive Editor of the *Law Review*.

Lisa S. Bonsall, Esq.
McCarter & English, LLP

Lisa is an experienced litigator and her clients rely on her counsel for a wide array of litigation matters including commercial litigation, bankruptcy and real estate.

Lisa Bonsall's commercial litigation practice involves representation of large and mid-market corporate clients, including retailers, manufacturing, distribution, telecommunications, insurance, leasing and financial institutions located across the United States. She has represented clients in courts in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, Texas and Louisiana in litigation relating to a variety of commercial transactions, including patent validity and license disputes, fraud and fraudulent transfer actions, shareholder disputes, construction issues, as well as the more traditional contract and Uniform Commercial Code litigation. Her larger clients have included General Electric Capital Corporation, Aramark, ADP, Drug Fair, Ingersoll Rand, Sprint, PNC Bank, Valley National Bank, University Bank, California First Leasing Corporation, Hartz Mountain Industries, and affiliated entities.

In her bankruptcy practice, Lisa represents secured and unsecured creditors, bank group agents, servicers, contract parties, lessors, vendors, and other interested parties in all aspects of debtor-creditor relations and bankruptcy, including out-of-court workouts and loan restructuring, asset recovery and bankruptcy-related litigation. Her insolvency-related clients have also included creditor committees, receivers and trustees appointed in brokerage firm liquidations under the Securities Investor Protection Act. Lisa represented the SIPA Trustee in prosecuting claims in First Interregional Equity Corporation, and the SIPA Trustee various

matters in BBS, two multi-million SIPA liquidations. She brokered the settlement that became the plan in the New Era bankruptcy. Lisa has litigated in bankruptcy court matters ranging from standard avoidance action and fraud complaints to professional malpractice, environmental, employment and corporate shareholder.

Lisa received her BA from Rutgers University and her JD from Rutgers Law School.

Denise E. Carlon, Esq.
KML Law Group, P.C.

Denise E. Carlon is the managing bankruptcy attorney for KML Law Group, P.C., where she has practiced for nine years. Ms. Carlon has worked as a creditors' rights attorney for the past fifteen years, representing private and institutional lenders in both state and federal courts. She started her career representing debtors in consumer chapter 7 and 13 matters. She currently manages her firm's New Jersey and Pennsylvania bankruptcy practice.

Ms. Carlon is a graduate of Boston College and Northeastern University School of Law. She holds state bar licenses in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, as well as the United States District Courts of New Jersey, the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, and the Eastern, Middle, & Western Districts of Pennsylvania.

Joseph Casello, Esq.
Collins, Vella & Casello LLC

Mr. Casello received his B.A. from Boston University in 1989 and J. D. from Rutgers Law School-Camden in 1993. He joined the firm as a partner in January 2005. Prior to joining the firm Mr. Casello was first an associate and then a member of Broege, Neumann, Fischer & Shaver. Mr. Casello practice consists primarily of representing clients in the United States Bankruptcy Court. Mr. Casello also represents clients in litigation matters in the New Jersey Superior Court and United States District Court of New Jersey.

He previously served as first law clerk for the Honorable Kathryn C. Ferguson, U.S.B.J. from 1993 until 1995. He is the former chairman and member of the Lawyers Advisory Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey. Mr. Casello currently serves as Secretary of the District IX Ethics Committee. Mr. Casello is an active member of the Monmouth Bar Association and serves as the Secretary for the association.

Caitlin Conklin, Esq.
K&L Gates LLP

Caitlin Conklin is an associate in the firm's Finance practice. She focuses on the representation of franchisors, creditors, and financial institutions in insolvency, work-out, and foreclosure proceedings. She also represented franchisors in the collection of unpaid franchise fees, negotiating the assumption or rejection of franchise agreements in bankruptcy, protecting intellectual property interests, bankruptcy litigation, and restructuring of debtor/creditor relationships between franchisee and franchisor.

Prior to joining the firm, Caitlin served as an associate for an entrepreneurial law firm. Previously, Caitlin was a law clerk for the Honorable Chief Judge Julie Manning of the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Connecticut and for the Honorable Alan G. Lesnewich of the New Jersey State Court, Civil Division.

During law school, Caitlin interned with the Honorable Joseph A. Dickson of the United States District Court, District of New Jersey, the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey, and was a law clerk in the insurance litigation group at an insurance solutions company.

She received her B.A. from Pace University and her J.D. from Rutgers School of Law, Newark.

Andrea Dobin, ESQ.
McManimon Scotland & Baumann, LLC

Following the closing of Trenk DiPasquale, continued same practice at new firm. Expanded practice to include service as receiver and other state law remedies.

Opened Trenton office of the Trenk DiPasquale firm to continue practice developed over preceding 20 years which has focused on representation of Trustees, creditors and litigants in the Bankruptcy and District Courts. Expertise in both state law and federal fraudulent transfer claims, preference claims, matrimonial claims, lien priority disputes, Chapter 7 discharge issues and asset dispositions.

Andrea received her B.A. from Cornell University and her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, Law School.

Hon. Rosemary Gambardella

Rosemary Gambardella was sworn in as a United States Bankruptcy Judge on May 3, 1985, becoming the first woman to serve on the Bankruptcy Court in the District of New Jersey. A native of Newark, Judge Gambardella attended Rutgers University where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and obtained a bachelor of arts degree in history in 1976. After receiving her law degree from Rutgers Law School-Newark in 1979, Judge Gambardella served as law clerk to Chief Bankruptcy Judge Vincent J. Commisa from 1979 to 1980.

From 1980 to 1985, she was senior staff counsel to Hugh M. Leonard, then United States Trustee for the Districts of New Jersey and Delaware. Judge Gambardella served as Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey from August 12, 1998 to August 11, 2005. She is a member of the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, a member and former President of the New Jersey Bankruptcy Inn of Court and a member of the Bankruptcy Committee of the Third Circuit Task Force on Equal Treatment in the Courts - Gender Commission. In addition, she is a member of the National Association of Women Judges, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Turnaround Management Association and former member of the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group for the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

Judge Gambardella was the Bankruptcy Judge representative to the Judicial Conference of the United States (2009-2011) and is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Judge Gambardella was the recipient of the Rutgers School of Law – Newark Distinguished Alumni Award in 2012, the New York Institute of Credit Women's Division Judge Cecelia H. Goetz Award, the William J. Brennan, Jr. Award in 2013 and the Conrad B. Duberstein Memorial Award in 2015.

Hon. Christine M. Gravelle

Hon. Christine Gravelle serves as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey and sits in the Trenton vicinage. She is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and has served on its Rules Committee. She is currently the judicial liaison to the Lawyers Advisory Committee for the District's Board of Bankruptcy Judges. Prior to joining the bench in 2013, Judge Gravelle was a partner at the law firm of Markowitz Gravelle, LLP in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, focusing on commercial litigation and bankruptcy. She served as President of the Mercer County Bar Association in 2011 after serving nine years as an officer and trustee for the Association. Judge Gravelle also served as a trustee of the Bankruptcy Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. She served on the Board of Trustees of Central Jersey Legal Services as a member and officer.

Joni L. Gray, Esq. Counsel to Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Camden Vicinage

Joni is Counsel to the Chapter 13 Standing Trustee for the Camden Vicinage. Prior to working for the Trustee, she was an associate at a consumer bankruptcy firm in Southern New Jersey. She is admitted to practice in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Texas and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Ms. Gray received her J. D. from Rutgers University, Camden.

Marie-Ann Greenberg, Esq.
Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Newark Vicinage

Marie-Ann Greenberg serves as the Ch. 13 Standing Trustee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Newark vicinage since 2004. As such, she administers all facets of the Ch. 13 cases in the vicinage, appears at confirmation hearings and motions and conducts 341a hearings. Ms. Greenberg is a *Fellow* in the American College of Bankruptcy and has served on the pro-bono grant committee for the past three years. She is also the liaison between the NACTT and the ACB.

In addition, she served as a liaison member of the Lawyer's Advisory Committee to the Board of Judges and Chaired the Consumer Sub-Committee. She also speaks on bankruptcy related topics both nationally and locally and has authored a number of articles including: */s/, a Signature; Not a Sword and Death or Incompetency of a Chapter13 Debtor: Can the Case Survive if the Debtor Does Not?* She is also a Master with the Bankruptcy Inn of Court, District of New Jersey.

Ms. Greenberg is an active member of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey and sits on the Bankruptcy Committee. She co-chaired the 2022 William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference in 2022 and spoke at the event. She speaks both locally and nationally on issues related to consumer bankruptcy.

Ms. Greenberg sat on the Board of Directors of the National Data Center from 2008-2018 and served as President. She spearheaded the move for free access to the NDC for debtor attorneys. She again sits on the Board and co-chairs the Grant Sub-Committee. She also served as Co-Chair to Mount St. Dominic Academy fundraising event and has been a guest speaker there on topics such as economics and female empowerment. In addition, she sat on the Executive Committee of the Parents' Association.

Prior to being appointed as the Standing Trustee, Ms. Greenberg represented institutional lenders and servicers in bankruptcy and foreclosure related matters in the States of New Jersey and New York and was a member of Fein, Such, Kahn & Shepard P.C. She also represented consumer debtors for a number of years at Fitzgerald and Associates. She is a graduate of New York Law School and S.U.N.Y. at Stony Brook.

Mark E. Hall, Esq.
Fox Rothschild

Mark is a seasoned bankruptcy attorney with over two decades of experience who is skilled at guiding companies and creditors through Chapter 11 bankruptcy and reorganization cases, as well as other complex financial situations. Described in client references provided to *Chambers USA* as "intelligent, impressive and well respected," Mark works diligently to proactively identify client needs and find legal solutions. He has extensive experience in restructuring, creditors' rights, bankruptcy litigation and related commercial litigation, including the representation of debtors, creditors' committees, financial institutions, secured lenders, unsecured creditors and other parties in interest.

Mark is also a Subchapter V Chapter 11 Trustee and serves on the court-approved Bankruptcy Mediation Panel, District of New Jersey.

Prior to joining Fox, Mark was a partner at Riker Danzig LLP. He also served as a judicial law clerk and a judicial intern to the Honorable Novalyn L. Winfield, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey. While pursuing his law degree, Mark was editor-in-chief of the *Rutgers Computer & Technology Law Journal* and was the graduation student speaker for his class.

Mark recently served as the chair for the Lawyers Advisory Committee to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, and as a member of the New Jersey Local Bankruptcy Rules Revision Committee. He currently serves as a trustee for the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey and as vice president of the New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers Foundation. He is also a regular speaker at the Annual Honorable William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference.

He received his B.A. at Rutgers University and his J.D. from Rutgers Law School.

Martha R. Hildebrandt, Esq.
Assistant United States Trustee, District of New Jersey

Martha R. Hildebrandt serves as the Assistant United States Trustee for the District of New Jersey. She and her staff have oversight of all business and consumer bankruptcy cases for one of the top filing districts in the nation. Martha is also a Regional Criminal Coordinator for the Executive Office for United States Trustees. She is a frequent lecturer at the National Bankruptcy Training Institute for the Department of Justice and for professional organizations.

Prior to her tenure with the Office of the United States Trustee, Martha served as a law clerk to the Honorable William H. Gindin, Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey and practiced in the creditors' rights department of the law firm of Partridge, Snow and Hahn in Providence, Rhode Island.

Ryan T. Jareck, Esq.
Cole Schotz P.C.

Ryan represents debtors, creditors, statutory committees, trustees, distressed asset investors and purchasers, lenders and other parties- in-interest in complex chapter 11 cases, bankruptcy litigation and related out-of-court transactions, throughout the country. His cases have spanned a number of industries, including gaming, hospitality, real estate, healthcare, construction services, retail and manufacturing.

Mr. Jareck has represented clients in prominent cases, some of which include: Angelica Corporation, Revel Casino & Hotel, Saint Michael's Medical Center, The Atlantic Club Casino & Hotel, Tropicana Casino and Resort and Zayat Stables, owner of the 2015 Triple Crown winner, American Pharoah.

He received his B.E. from Vanderbilt University and his J.D. from Rutgers Law School, Newark.

Chief Judge Michael B. Kaplan

The Honorable Michael B. Kaplan was appointed as a bankruptcy judge on October 3, 2006, for the District of New Jersey and designated Chief Judge on May 1, 2020. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Kaplan served as a Standing Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Trustee, as well as a member of the Chapter 7 panel of bankruptcy trustees, where he received case appointments as both a Chapter 11 and Chapter 12 trustee. His private practice included the representation of institutional lenders consumer debtors (under both Chapters 7 & 13), business debtors and individuals undergoing reorganization pursuant to Chapter 11. Judge Kaplan received his A.B. degree from Georgetown University (1984) and his J.D. Degree from Fordham University School of Law (1987). He is licensed to practice law in New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, Third Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S. Court of International Trade and various federal district courts.

Over the past thirty years, Judge Kaplan has spoken to numerous bar associations and business organizations, and authored several articles relating to bankruptcy issues. Judge Kaplan is a co-author of West's *Consumer Bankruptcy Manual* and *Consumer Bankruptcy Handbook*. Additionally, he serves on the Editorial Board and as Business Manager for the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* and teaches as an adjunct professor at Rutgers University School of Law.

Judge Kaplan is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. He also has been appointed by the Director of Administrative Office of the Courts ("AO") to a term as the Third Circuit representative to the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group, in addition to appointments as the Bankruptcy Judge representative on both the Human Resources Advisory Council and Budget & Finance Advisory Council to the AO. Judge Kaplan serves as Treasurer and Executive Board Member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and is a member of the Turnaround Management Association, American Bankruptcy Institute, National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees and the Commercial Law League of America.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Kaplan served as Mayor and Councilman for the Borough of Norwood, NJ, and as a member of the Norwood Planning Board.

**Michael A. Kaplan, Esq.
Lowenstein Sandler LLP**

Michael represents clients in high-stakes litigation and appeals in federal and state courts throughout the country, as well as in domestic and international arbitrations.

He has extensive experience in every stage of bankruptcy litigation, from investigating potential claims and causes of action to commencing adversary proceedings on behalf of committees and liquidating trusts. Michael's experience enables him not only to respond to any type of litigation that arises during a bankruptcy case but also to craft litigation

strategies that are both effective and efficient. His experience investigating and litigating claims against directors and officers allows him to provide vigorous representation to clients facing such claims or seeking to bring them.

Because of his diverse commercial litigation experience, which includes extensive work on products liability, mass tort, toxic tort, and dram shop cases, Michael understands that litigation is an evolving art and that litigators need to possess a constantly changing array of skills. His focus is always on understanding his clients' goals and then creating and executing a litigation strategy to achieve them.

In addition to his passion for litigation, Michael is committed to giving back to the community. He regularly provides pro bono representation to victims of domestic violence through the firm's relationship with Partners for Women and Justice and the Rachel Coalition.

Prior to joining the firm, Michael served as a judicial law clerk to Chief Judge Gary L. Sharpe of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York.

He received his B.A. from Temple University and his J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law.

David A. Martin, Esq.
Counsel to Albert Russo, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Trenton Vicinage

Prior to joining the Chapter 13 Trustee's Office, Mr. Martin worked as an Associate for Teich, Groh & Frost representing debtors and creditors in Chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcy proceedings. From there, Mr. Martin went into private practice representing consumer debtors in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 matters. Admitted to the state bars of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, as well as the District of Columbia, and the District Courts of New Jersey, Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Martin received a Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Howard University, and his J.D. from Temple University School of Law.

Jaclynn N. McDonnell, Esq.
Genova Burns LLC

Jaclynn N. McDonnell's practice focuses on the representation of debtors in Chapters 7, 13 & 11 Bankruptcy Proceedings. Her practice also focuses on foreclosure defense, landlord/tenant law, debtor/creditor law, and civil litigation.

Ms. McDonnell graduated from Seton Hall University School of Law and earned a LL.M in Bankruptcy from St. John's University School of Law.

Rebecca K. McDowell, Esq.
Saldutti Law Group

Beckie McDowell hails from the Metro Detroit area, where she represented creditors and Chapter 7 trustees, eventually changing course to high-volume consumer debtor representation during the Global Economic Crisis. After moving to Philadelphia in 2013, Beckie represented consumer and corporate debtors at a boutique practice before joining Saldutti Law Group in 2016. Beckie now represents creditors in Chapter 7, Chapter 13, and Chapter 11 cases for both consumer and commercial debt. Beckie is a member of the Lawyers Advisory Committee for the District of New Jersey, and she is also on the Executive Committee for the Bankruptcy Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. A graduate of Wayne State University Law School in Detroit and Albion College, where she earned her B.A., she is admitted in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

Hon. Stacey L. Meisel

The Honorable Stacey L. Meisel is a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey; the first African American selected for this position in New Jersey.

Before joining the bench, at 29 years old, Judge Meisel co-founded Becker Meisel LLC. She co-chaired the bankruptcy, insolvency and creditors' rights practice until her appointment.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Meisel also served on the New Jersey Panel of Bankruptcy Trustees and was the first African American woman to do so. She thrice served on the committee that recommends candidates to the Third Circuit for New Jersey bankruptcy judgeship vacancies. Judge Meisel served on the New Jersey Court Registry of Mediators and the Lawyers Advisory Committee to the Board of Judges of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey. She previously served as Trustee to the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey, on the American Bankruptcy Institute Advisory Board for the Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop, and as Chair of the 2011 Workshop Attendance Committee.

While in private practice, Judge Meisel also helped launch the New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers Foundation; served on the Board of Directors of the Children's Home Society of New Jersey; volunteered with Volunteer Lawyers for Justice; served on the Board of Directors for Legal Momentum – The Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund; and served as Treasurer for the Board of Trustees for the Newark Boys Chorus School.

Judge Meisel is a co-author of the *Consumer Bankruptcy Manual* and the *Consumer Bankruptcy Handbook*, both Thomson Reuters publications. She recently completed a three-year term on the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Rules Committee. She currently serves on the National Association of Women Judges' Color of Justice Program Committee, the United States District Court, District of New Jersey Committee on Court Security as well as the Newark Vicinage Facilities Security Committee, and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, Information Technology Committee. She is a Judicial Advisor to the Historical Society of the United States District Court for the

District of New Jersey and the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey. For the past three years she has also served as a Judicial Co-Chair for the ABI Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop.

Eamonn O'Hagan, Esq.
Office of the United States Attorney, District of New Jersey

Eamonn O'Hagan is an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of New Jersey. As Senior Bankruptcy Counsel, he oversees the office's bankruptcy and insolvency practices. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2015, Mr. O'Hagan was a partner in the New York office of Stutman, Treister & Glatt PC (which was later acquired by Goodwin Procter LLP). He began his career clerking for Chief Judge William G. Young of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts before joining Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP as an associate in the firm's corporate restructuring department. In 2013, Mr. O'Hagan was selected to the Next Generation Classes of both the International Insolvency Institute and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Throughout his career, he has published extensively and lectured on various issues of bankruptcy law. Mr. O'Hagan is a contributing author to the leading bankruptcy treatise *Collier on Bankruptcy* as well as *Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice*.

Mr. O'Hagan received his B.A. from Rutgers University and his J.D. from Boston College Law School.

Hon. Vincent F. Papalia

Vincent F. Papalia was sworn in as a bankruptcy judge for the District of New Jersey on December 29, 2014, after a thirty-year career in private practice. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Papalia was a partner for twenty years with the law firm of Saiber LLC and the head of its Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Department. Prior to joining Saiber LLC, he was an associate and then a partner with Clapp & Eisenberg, P.C.

For virtually his entire career, Judge Papalia focused his practice on representing various parties-in-interest in bankruptcy and foreclosure-related litigation and proceedings before federal, state, and bankruptcy courts. He served for many years as a Court-appointed Mediator for the Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey and was Vice-Chair of the District V-A Ethics Committee from 2012 to 2014. He also served as Chair of the Debtor-Creditor Committee of the Essex County Bar Association.

Judge Papalia authored or co-authored numerous articles on bankruptcy and creditors' rights issues and has often spoken on those topics. While in private practice, Judge Papalia was regularly recognized by his peers in various publications listing top-rated lawyers by areas of practice and geographic location, including Chambers USA and New Jersey's Best Lawyers.

Judge Papalia graduated with honors from Pace University with a B.B.A. in 1980 and from Fordham University School of Law in 1984, with *cum laude* honors, and was a member of the Law Review in 1982-83.

Melissa A. Peña, Esq.
Norris McLaughlin P.A.

Melissa A. Peña, a member of the firm's Management Committee and Chair of the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group, concentrates her practice on commercial litigation and bankruptcy and creditors' rights. Her clients include financial institutions, private lenders, creditors, and accounting firms. Melissa has successfully represented secured creditors and unsecured creditors in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases and state court insolvency proceedings. She frequently handles commercial foreclosure actions, actions to enforce promissory notes and guarantees, lien priority disputes, fraudulent conveyance actions, and creditor enforcement matters.

Melissa also defends accounting firms in disputes regarding alleged failure to detect criminal and fraudulent activity in the state and federal courts of New Jersey and New York.

Outside the courtroom, Melissa handles commercial workouts, negotiating forbearance agreements on behalf of lenders and troubled cross-border transactions. She represents investors seeking to acquire defaulted loans from the due diligence stage to closing on the sale. Melissa also helps lenders to liquidate their collateral through UCC sales, including sales of co-ops.

Whether she is inside or outside the courtroom, Melissa's goal is to find a practical business solution for her clients. She utilizes litigation as a tool to further her client's business objectives in a cost-effective manner.

Melissa received her undergraduate degree from George Washington University and her J.D. from The American University Washington College of Law.

Susannah Prill, CPA
Eisner Advisory Group LLC

Susannah Prill is a Director in the firm's Forensic Litigation and Valuation Services Group. Susannah has been a forensic accountant specializing in business valuation and litigation support for over 15 years, providing damage measurement and lost profit calculations for breach of contract, theft of intellectual property, business interruption and embezzlement. She has also provided forensic accounting and litigation support services to fiscal agents, not-for-profit boards, bankruptcy trustees, and creditor committees.

Most recently, Susannah's focus has been on business valuations in the context of, shareholder disputes, matrimonial and estate litigation.

Susannah has written articles for New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) on topics including bankruptcy alternatives, and has presented to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the New Jersey Association for Justice on topics including business valuations, lost profits and the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA).

Susannah received her B.S. from The City University of New York.

Sean E. Quigley, Esq.
U.S. Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office

Mr. Quigley received his B.A. from the University of Maryland—College Park in 2001 and his J.D. from Rutgers Law School-Camden in 2005. He currently serves as the Deputy-in-Charge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office in Camden, New Jersey. After law school, Mr. Quigley served as a term and career law clerk to Chief Bankruptcy Judge Michael B. Kaplan and practiced as a bankruptcy attorney with Lowenstein Sandler LLP.

Mr. Quigley is a member of the Bankruptcy Court LAC, the Court's internal local bankruptcy rules committee, the Chapter 11 local rules committee, as well as the District Court LAC Subcommittee on rules relating to bankruptcy appeals. Outside of the courthouse, he and his family enjoy traveling and participating in endurance sports.

Albert Russo, Esq.
Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Trenton Vicinage

Albert Russo has been serving as Standing Chapter 13 Trustee in the District of New Jersey, Trenton Vicinage, since October, 2006.

Mr. Russo was previously in private practice with a concentration in Bankruptcy, Civil and Criminal Tax controversies, Commercial Litigation, and Estate Planning and Administration. He served as a member of the Private Panel of Bankruptcy Trustees administering Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 Bankruptcies. Mr. Russo was a Senior Trial Attorney with the Office of District Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, Newark, New Jersey, where he represented the Internal Revenue Service in U.S. Tax Court and U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Mr. Russo is a graduate of St. Peter's College and Seton Hall University School of Law.

Tara J. Schellhorn, Esq.
Riker Danzig LLP

Tara Schellhorn is a Partner in the Firm's Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring Group. Her practice focuses on all aspects of bankruptcy and restructuring, including the representation of debtors, creditors' committees, trustees, financial institutions, secured lenders, unsecured creditors, and other parties in interest in complex chapter 11 cases. As a result, Tara is well-positioned to advise clients on all aspects of bankruptcy.

Tara also has experience in bankruptcy litigation, including prosecuting and defending nondischargeability, preference, and other avoidance actions. In addition, Tara has significant experience representing clients on complex corporate lending issues, including the representation of indenture trustees in default and bankruptcy situations.

Tara's practice is not limited to bankruptcy, but also includes civil litigation in both federal and state courts.

Tara holds leadership positions in a number of bankruptcy and insolvency organizations. She currently serves as Finance Director of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) New Jersey Network. She is a former chair of IWIRC and is U.S. Networks Director for IWIRC's International Board of Directors. In 2021, Tara was honored with the prestigious Melnick Award, which is awarded annually to a member whose contributions to IWIRC, over an extended period of time, have been truly outstanding and inspiring. Tara is also an active member of the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) and currently serves on their 40 Under 40 Award Steering Committee. She also serves as Co-Chair of the ABI's Young and New Members Committee and is a Contributing Editor of the *ABI Journal*, overseeing the "Building Blocks" column.

Additionally, Tara is the Vice Chair of the Lawyers Advisory Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, which serves as a two-way conduit between the bankruptcy bar and the Board of Bankruptcy Judges in New Jersey.

Tara is an editorial board member for Thomson Reuters' 2024 book *Strategic Alternatives For And Against Distressed Businesses*. Updated annually, the book provides state-by-state comparisons of assignments for the benefit of creditors and receiverships.

Prior to joining Riker Danzig, Tara served as Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Raymond T. Lyons, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey. Tara earned her law degree, *magna cum laude*, from Widener University School of Law in 2007. While pursuing her degree, Tara served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Widener Law Journal* and received the Widener Law Journal Award for Distinguished Legal Scholarship. She was also the recipient of the 2007 American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence for outstanding performance in her bankruptcy coursework. Tara received her undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, from Gettysburg College in 2004.

Philip R. Sellinger, Esq.
United States Attorney, District of New Jersey

Philip is the U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey. As U.S. Attorney, he is responsible for overseeing all federal criminal prosecutions and the litigation of all civil matters in New Jersey in which the federal government has an interest. Including the offices in Newark, Camden, and Trenton, Mr. Sellinger supervises a staff of approximately 160 federal prosecutors and approximately 190 support personnel and contractors.

He previously served as the co-managing partner of the New Jersey office of an

international law firm, an office he founded in 2002. He served as co-chair of the firm's Global Litigation Practice Group from 2013 to 2017. From 1984 to 2002, Philip worked at a New Jersey law firm where he held several leadership positions, including co-chair of the firm's Litigation Department and member of the firm's Management Committee.

During his legal career, Philip also served on several boards, including the National Board of Governors and the Strategic Planning Group for the American Jewish Committee; the New Jersey Performing Arts Center; and N.J. LEEP, and was the founder and co-chair of the New Jersey Muslim Jewish Advisory Council.

Philip previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey from 1981 to 1984. He clerked for U.S. District Judge Anne E. Thompson for the District of New Jersey from 1979 to 1980. Philip received his J.D. from New York University School of Law and his B.A., summa cum laude, from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Hon. John K. Sherwood

John K. Sherwood graduated from James Madison University in 1983 and Seton Hall University School of Law in 1986. In June 2015, he was appointed as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey.

In private practice, Judge Sherwood had over 25 years of experience in bankruptcy and debtor-creditor matters including related litigation. Some of his noteworthy engagements were Ocean Place Development Resort (counsel to debtor), MagnaChip Semiconductor Finance Company (counsel to creditors' committee), Quebecor World (USA), Inc. (litigation counsel), Le Nature's Inc. (counsel to creditors' committee) and the City of Detroit (counsel to union).

Judge Sherwood was the President of the New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers Foundation from 2008 to 2013 and an active member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and Turnaround Management Association. He was selected by Chambers USA in 2013-2014 as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2013-2014). He also was recognized by the Best Lawyers in America (2012-2015) for his work in bankruptcy and by Super Lawyers (2006, 2009-2014), where he was featured in the bankruptcy section and corporate counsel edition.

Mary Toscano, Esq. Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis LLP

Ms. Toscano focuses her practice on white collar criminal defense, internal corporate investigations and complex civil litigation. Her work encompasses the defense of clients in criminal investigations, RICO actions, contract and business disputes, and allegations of legal malpractice. She is experienced in all aspects of litigation, including internal investigations on behalf of financial institutions and other corporate entities, pre-trial motions and plea negotiations, and trial and post-trial proceedings, and has tried numerous cases to verdict.

Prior to entering private practice, Ms. Toscano gained extensive experience as an

Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey for over ten years. In her role as Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, she managed all aspects of litigation from investigation through conviction, supervising the Office's violent crime, narcotics, organized crime and gang-related caseload and serving as the Office's Grand Jury coordinator. In addition, as Chief of the General Crimes Unit, her responsibilities included the oversight of a variety of cases, including those involving mail fraud, wire fraud, healthcare fraud and tax fraud.

Ms. Toscano's background also includes her tenure as a trial attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, where her work encompassed the investigation and prosecution of complex international narcotics, money laundering and narco-terrorism cases.

She received her B.A. from Georgetown University and her J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law.

Richard Trenk, Esq.
Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian P.C.

As chair of the firm's Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring practice, Richard has litigated hundreds of bankruptcy and business reorganization cases to successful outcomes. Of note, Richard recently tried to conclusion bid litigation involving over \$100 million, and he has handled Chapter 11 real estate, manufacturing, and retail cases involving more than \$500 million in value. Richard is often called upon as an expert witness in bankruptcy-related matters. As a co-founder of the Bankruptcy Inn of Court for the District of New Jersey, he has promoted legal excellence, civility, professionalism, ethics, and specifically the application of these ideals to the Bankruptcy Bar of the District of New Jersey.

As the co-chair of the firm's Government Representation practice, Richard brings significant experience with municipal and government issues. He has served as the Township Attorney for the Township of West Orange for more than 25 years and as special counsel for numerous municipalities.

Richard strategizes all issues to achieve the most economic and efficient outcome while vigorously representing the interests of his clients. Highly regarded in the legal community, Richard is a former president of the Essex County Bar Association, one of the largest legal professional organizations in the State of New Jersey. Also, he has actively served in numerous leadership positions with the New Jersey State Bar Association and American Bar Association. He also served as chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association and Essex County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

In addition, Richard is a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy topics and has given presentations for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE), Association of Trial Lawyers of America, New Jersey Chapter (ATLA), Rutgers University School of Public Administration, the New Jersey Judicial College, the New Jersey State Bar Association Bankruptcy Law Section, the Essex County Bar Association, Bergen Community College, and the National Association of Women Judges.

Richard serves as a professional advisor to the Board of Directors of New Jersey Shares, a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to assisting New Jersey middle- and fixed-income households experiencing difficulty paying for utility services. He continues to volunteer for non-profit organizations including the March of Dimes, Advocates for Children of New Jersey, Community Health Law Project, Legal Services Foundation of Essex County, Discovery Charter School, Community Food Bank, and Habitat for Humanity. Richard has been Chair of the Board of Trustees of Advocates for Children of New Jersey and the Community Health Law Project.

Richard is a founding board member of the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation and continues to serve. The John S. Mulholland Family Foundation was founded on December 3, 2013, to serve the working poor of inner-city Washington, D.C. The Foundation is incorporated in Delaware and the District of Columbia and is a 501(c)(3) public charity. The Foundation's mission is to ensure that food pantries in the poorest sections of the District of Columbia have the necessary means to provide food assistance to food insecure, working poor families.

He received his B.A. from American University and his J.D. from Western New England College School of Law.

**Warren Usatine, Esq.
Cole Schotz**

Warren's practice ventures where few legal practices go – the seamless blend of commercial litigation and restructuring prowess (Chambers USA). Supported by over 25 years of experience, Warren's practice includes all aspects of complex commercial litigation as well as bankruptcy and restructuring matters across state and federal court systems.

His litigation practice includes extensive experience in chancery court stakeholder disputes, financial services, real estate disputes and valuation litigation in state and federal courts. His bankruptcy practice focuses on the representation of both chapter 11 debtors and creditors' committees, as well as other significant parties in substantial restructuring matters. And, where these two practices intersect – matters involving bankruptcy litigation – is an area where Warren has developed a national reputation of achieving outstanding results.

Warren received his B.A. from the University of Virginia and his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

**Tamika N. Wyche, Esq.
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Tamika is a solo practitioner at the Law Offices of David Paul Daniels located in Camden, New Jersey, which has been family owned and operated since 1979. Tamika started in the family business in 1997 as a legal secretary and worked under the tutelage of her grandfather, David Paul Daniels, Esquire, until he passed on January 12, 2017.

Tamika earned her Bachelor of Science in Business at Rutgers University in Camden, New Jersey in 2000, law degree from Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Delaware in 2005, and Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Trial Advocacy from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 2012. Since being in practice, Tamika has handled a wide variety of bankruptcy, personal injury, real estate, and family matters. She is licensed to practice in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Tamika loves to devote time to assist pro bono clients file bankruptcy through Legal Services of New Jersey. She has been awarded the Equal Justice Medal by Legal Services of New Jersey for Exceptional Pro Bono Service in 2019, and every year thereafter has been awarded the Equal Justice Medal for her pro bono efforts.

Tamika lives in South Jersey with her husband and two daughters. Outside of the office, Tamika enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, dancing, and serving weekly at the Shades of Worship Ministry food bank. She is very active in ministry and loves to serve others with her God given talents.