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Morris S. Bauer has represented debtors, creditor committees, banks and other secured creditors, trade creditors, and landlords in Chapter 11 proceedings and is a New Jersey bankruptcy mediator. Businesses he has represented in Chapter 11 proceedings include a multistate nonprofit behavioral and mental healthcare facility, a regional supermarket chain, a national distributor of electronics, residential developers and income-producing property owners, construction contractors and small businesses. Mr. Bauer has also been appointed by the court as a Chapter 11 trustee, a liquidating trustee, an assignee for the benefit of creditors and a bankruptcy mediator.

In addition to his bankruptcy practice, he has represented banks, equipment lessors and one of the nation's largest utility providers in commercial foreclosure and commercial collection matters. Mr. Bauer has been an instructor for the New Jersey Skills and Methods Course and the New Jersey Bankruptcy Inn of Court, and a panelist for the annual New Jersey Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, the American Bankruptcy Institute, and local bar associations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He is vice chairman of the Washington Township, Morris County Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Bauer is a 1988 graduate of Hofstra School of Law and a 1985 graduate of Dickinson College.

Areas of Practice

- Bankruptcy Law
- Creditors' Rights
- Chapter 11
- Bankruptcy Mediation

Professional Activities

- Turnaround Management Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
 - Mediation Committee; News Letter Editor
- Morris County Bar Association
 - Co-Chair, Bankruptcy/Creditors' Rights Section
- American Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Northampton County Bar Association
- New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers Advisory Committee

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- Association of Federal Bar of New Jersey
 - Bankruptcy Section

Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Education

- Hofstra University School of Law, J.D., 1988
- Dickinson College, B.S., 1985

Experience

- Duane Morris LLP
 - Partner, 2021-present
- Norris McLaughlin PA
 - Partner, 2007-2021
- Ravin Greenberg PA
 - Partner, 1996-2007
 - Associate, 1990-1996
- Arthur Anderson & Co.
 - Staff Accountant, 1988-1990

Civic and Charitable Activities

- Homeless Solutions, Inc.
 - Corporate Advisory Board
- Teams for Kids Foundation, Inc.
- Washington Township Board of Adjustments

Honors and Awards

- Listed in Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, 2021
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America, 2010-2021
- Listed in New Jersey Super Lawyers, 2006-2021
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®

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Media Hits

• Quoted, "New Year Means Coping with List of Overdue Bills," NJBiz, January 11, 2010

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Selected Publications

- "2021 Outlook," Turnarounds & Workouts, January 2021
- "Year in Review," Turnarounds & Workouts, December 2020
- "Third Circuit Again Strictly Applies the Plain Language in Denying Lender's Credit Bid Rights in Philadelphia Newspapers, LLC," ACC Focus on New Jersey Chapter, July 2010
- "A Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Group Hits Its Stride," *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*, December 2007
- "Real Estate Tax Appeals Section 505 Supercedes State Statute of Limitations and Compelled Payment Prohibitions," New Jersey State Bar Association Bankruptcy Law Section Newsletter, April 1996

Selected Speaking Engagements

- "Ins and Outs of Confirming a Chapter 11 Plan: How to Confirm a Chapter 11 Plan Whether Individual, Complex, Small Business or Subchapter V," Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey, Webinar, April 23, 2021
- "Surviving COVID-19: Now and Beyond:" New Jersey Turnaround Management Association and New Jersey Business & Industry Association, Webinar, May 6, 2020
- "Small Business and Individual Chapter 11 Cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey," NJSBA Annual Meeting and Convention, Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa, Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 17, 2019
- "Lien and Mean: Whose Asset Is It Anyway?" Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa, Atlantic City, New Jersey, April 4-5, 2019
- "Small Business and Individual Chapter 11 Cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey," K&L Gates, Newark, New Jersey, March 13, 2019
- "Bankruptcy Topics for the Non-Bankruptcy Practitioner," Norris McLaughlin, P.A., Allentown, Pennsylvania, June 13, 2018
- "Bankruptcy Topics for the Non-Bankruptcy Practitioner," Norris McLaughlin, P.A., Bridgewater, New Jersey, May 7, 2018
- "The Effect of Bankruptcy On Your Case: What Every Lawyer Should Know," MCBA, June 21, 2016
- Moderator, "Revel's Rippling Effect," ACG NJ Joint Meeting with TMA NJ, Iselin, New Jersey, April 21, 2015
- Somerset County Bar Foundation CLE Day, Bridgewater Manor, Bridgewater, New Jersey, May 11, 2011
- Panelist, Ninth Annual Hon. William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference, April 13, 2007, Norris McLaughlin, P.A., Bridgewater, New Jersey, June 16, 2009
- "Bankruptcy ABCs for Healthy Companies: What You Need to Know When Your Customer or Supplier Goes Bankrupty!" Norris McLaughlin, P.A., Bridgewater, New Jersey, March 27, 2009
- "Strategies to Minimize Damage from Madoff & Other Recent Investment Scandals," Norris McLaughlin, P.A., Bridgewater, New Jersey, March 26, 2009
- "Corporate Bankruptcy 101 and Select Bankruptcy Issues," Norris McLaughlin, P.A., Bridgewater, New Jersey, March 24, 2009

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- "Corporate Bankruptcy 101," New Jersey Corporate Counsel Association, Bridgewater, New Jersey, October 21, 2008
- "Sale of Assets," Tenth Annual Hon. William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference, East Brunswick, New Jersey, May 2, 2008