

# Deborah J. Piazza

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Deborah J. Piazza is a partner in the Firm's Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring Practice. Deborah counsels clients on transactional, litigation, and advisory work relating to various types of restructurings, commercial finance, bankruptcies, and workouts. Notably, Deborah sits on the Panel of Bankruptcy Trustees in the Southern District of New York.

Deborah represents debtors, creditors, trustees, examiners, liquidating agents, purchasers, and other parties in interest in various restructurings, financings, litigations, and compromises, as well as asset acquisitions and dispositions.

Beyond transactional work, Deborah advises clients in all aspects of contested matters and adversary proceedings, including claims litigation, fraudulent conveyances, preferences, relief from stay motions, appeals, and any type of bankruptcy litigation. She has also represented creditors' committees, large institutional lenders, distressed investors, asset purchasers and other major creditors, and parties in interest in court and out of court proceedings.

## Debtor Client Representation:

- Northwest Airlines
- Enron Corp.
- Lodgian, Inc.
- Bradlees Stores, Inc.
- Casual Male Corp.
- Grand Union Company
- Able Laboratories
- Republic Technologies
- Peninsula Hospital

## Other Clients and Cases:

## Related Services

- Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring
- Hospitality

- Mattel/Fisher Price
- General Motors Corporation
- Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Center
- Lear Corporation
- Circuit City Stores
- Bearing Point
- Lyondell Chemical Company
- New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation
- Stone Barn (formerly Steve & Barry's)
- Lexington Precision
- Mortgage Lenders Network USA
- Jacobson Stores, Inc.
- FAO Schwarz
- Lehman Brothers
- WCI Steel

## **Education**

- CUNY Queens College (B.A.)
- Pace University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)

## **Bar Admissions**

- New Jersey
- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- 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 Northern District of New York

## **Professional Affiliations**

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation
- New York Institute of Credit
- National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees
- Turnaround Management Association

## **Awards & Honors**

- *New York Super Lawyers*, 2025

## Articles

- “Hot Topics in Bankruptcy”, *Tax Stringer*, August 2012
- *Chapter 7 Commercial Bankruptcy Strategies: Leading Lawyers on Interpreting Recent Bankruptcy Trends, Structuring an Effective Chapter 7 Filing, and Protecting a Client's Interests (Inside the Minds)*, 2011, Contributing Author
- “Is Anyone Safe?: Deepening Insolvency,” *Law Journal Newsletters, Bankruptcy Strategist*, 2008
- “The Retail Debtor’s ‘Year in Review’,” *Law Journal News Letters, Bankruptcy Strategist*, December 2004
- “Draw on Letter of Credit has same Effect as Cash Forfeiture,” *Law Journal Newsletters, Bankruptcy Strategist*, June 2004
- “When to use a ‘Stalking Horse Agreement’,” *Law Journal Newsletters, Bankruptcy Strategist*, January 2004
- “Debtor Has Right to File Bankruptcy to Limit Landlord’s Claims,” *Law Journal Newsletters, Bankruptcy Strategist*, August. 2003, and
- “Broad Use of § 365 Maximizes Lease Value,” *Law Journal Newsletters, Bankruptcy Strategist*, September 2001

## Speaking Engagements

- Deborah has spoken at various conferences and seminars on bankruptcy, restructuring and distressed financial issues.

## Insights

June 18, 2018

**Defeating Settling Party’s Effort to Use Preference Law to Void a Bankruptcy Court Settlement**

August 9, 2015

**Effect of Fisker Automotive Case on Credit Bidding**

April 25, 2015

**When Purchasing Distressed Assets, Protect Yourself Against Possible Fraudulent Transfer Litigation**

March 17, 2015

**Stalking Horse Bidder – To Be or Not To Be**

March 2, 2015

**Buyer Beware! The Battle Between Sections 363(f) and 365(h) of the Bankruptcy Code**