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Curriculum Vitae

JEFFREY BERNSTEIN is a member of the Firm's Bankruptcy Practice Group, and he concentrates his practice in the areas of creditors' rights in bankruptcy, representation of bankruptcy trustees and bankruptcy litigation. He has represented secured and unsecured creditors, insurers, sureties and purchasers of debtor assets in bankruptcy matters and in related proceedings primarily in New Jersey, New York and Delaware.

Mr. Bernstein has regularly spoken on panels on bankruptcy topics in New Jersey and New York. He is a member of multiple McElroy Deutsch's committees, including the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Pro Bono Committee, and the Mentorship Committee.

Mr. Bernstein is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and its Creditor Debtor Section as well as its Diversity Committee, the New York State Bar Association and its Diversity and Inclusion Committee, the American Bar Association, Business Law Committee and the American Bankruptcy Institute. He is also Assistant Executive Director of the Bankruptcy American Inn of Court in New Jersey. Mr. Bernstein has previously served as Chair of the District VA (Essex County – Newark) Fee Arbitration Committee and has previously served on the District VA (Essex County – Newark) Ethics Committee as a committee investigator and prosecutor. In 2025, he was appointed Chair of the Bankruptcy Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

He was admitted to the bars of the State of New Jersey and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey in 1988, the State of New York in 1989, the United States Supreme Court in 1992, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York in 1994 and the Northern and Western Districts of New York in 2015.

Mr. Bernstein received his Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, from Yeshiva University in 1978, and his M.B.A., with distinction, from the New York Institute of Technology in 1983. Mr. Bernstein is a 1988 graduate of Benjamin N. Cardozo Law School, cum laude, where he served as Notes and Comments Editor of the Cardozo Arts and Entertainment Law Journal.

Awards

- Listed in Best Lawyers® (2016-2027), a Woodward/White, Inc. business and partners with U.S. News & World Report, in the area of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE. (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Mr. Bernstein has been named in Chambers USA in the area of Bankruptcy/Restructuring, New Jersey (2021-2026). A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).

Industries

Corporate
Financial Institutions

Practices

Antitrust
Bankruptcy, Restructuring, Creditors' Rights
Corporate Transactions

Education

Benjamin Cardozo School of Law Yeshiva University (J.D. 1988)
Yeshiva University (B.A. 1978)
New York Institute of Technology (M.B.A., with distinction 1983)

Admissions

State of New Jersey
State of New York
U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
U.S. District Court, EDNY
U.S. District Court, SDNY
Supreme Court of the United States
U.S. District Court, NDNY
U.S. District Court, WDNY

Memberships

New Jersey State Bar Association
New York State Bar Association
American Bar Association
American Bankruptcy Institute
Essex County Bar Association
New Jersey State Bar Association Diversity Committee
Member, New York State Bar Association Diversity and Inclusion Committee
New York State Bar Association - Diversity & Inclusion Committee
Bankruptcy American Inn of Court