

James P. S. Leshaw – Resume

Jim Leshaw has 25 years of experience as a bankruptcy lawyer handling complex domestic and international business disputes and transactions throughout the United States, Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe. His practice is now dedicated to serving as a mediator and arbitrator and providing general counsel and family office services. Listed in *“The Best Lawyers in America”* in the “Mediation,” “Arbitration,” “Bankruptcy” and “Bankruptcy Litigation” categories; Described in Chambers and Partners as *“smart, results-driven, innovative and effective,” as a “thoughtful, intellectual and practical lawyer” and as “extremely knowledgeable” and “proactive,”* he understands business, he understands what is important and he understands how to get a deal done.



Attorney Experience

Jim was the long-time head of Greenberg Traurig’s Florida bankruptcy practice where he handled all aspects of bankruptcies, restructurings and workouts. He has led litigation teams in connection with high stakes complex, domestic and international business litigation throughout the United States and Latin America and has handled billions of dollars of mergers, acquisitions and asset purchases, financings, bankruptcies, workouts, reorganizations, restructurings and other cross-border business and distress transactions across the United States, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Dispute Resolution Experience

Jim has experience helping to resolve disputes in a wide range of areas including claim objection issues, contract and lease rejection disputes, discharge and dischargeability issues, financing issues, fraudulent transfer and other avoidance actions, inter-creditor agreements, plan negotiations, preference actions, priority issues, Section 546 safe-harbor issues, accounting issues, complex UCC and commercial disputes, contract disputes, corporate, shareholder and partnership litigation, family business and succession issues, fraud allegations, guarantor litigation, landlord tenant litigation, procedural and Constitutional matters, professional liability/malpractice claims, class actions, insurance disputes, intellectual property matters, international disputes, maritime and admiralty matters and pre-suit mediation.

Awards and Recognition

Listed, *“The Best Lawyers in America,”* under Mediation, Arbitration, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (every year since 2007) and Litigation (every year since 2007); Listed, *“Chambers USA Guide”* (every year since 2008); Member, Winning Team, U.S. News – *“Best Lawyers”* “Law Firm of the Year” in Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency & Reorganization Law and Litigation – Bankruptcy, 2013; Listed, *“Super Lawyers”* magazine, *“Florida Super Lawyers”* (every

year since 2006); Member, Winning Team, Chambers USA Awards for Excellence, Corporate & Finance – Law Firm of the Year (Florida based), 2010; Member, Winning Team, Chambers Latin America Inaugural Awards for Excellence, Focus on Latin America – Law Firm of the Year (Florida based) 2009; Listed, *Florida Trend Magazine*, “Legal Elite,” Bankruptcy Law (every year since 2004); Listed, *The Deal*, “Top Bankruptcy M&A Lawyers;” Listed, *South Florida Legal Guide*, “Top Lawyers in South Florida;” Rated, AV® Preeminent™ 5.0 out of 5.0.

Previous Employment

Chair, Florida Business Reorganization & Financial Restructuring Practice, Greenberg Traurig, Miami, Florida (1991-2013); Associate, Bankruptcy Department, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, New York (1989-1991).

Education

J.D., New York University School of Law (1989); B.A. Political Science and Religion, Tufts University (1986).

Articles, Publications & Lectures

Written articles and lectured on multiple mediation and arbitration topics (A Case for the Expanded Use of Mediation in Bankruptcy; How to Tank a Mediation without Even Trying; Supreme Court Holds that Class Action Waivers Are Enforceable; Supreme Court Punts on Issue of Arbitrability but Provides Guidance on Judicial Review of Arbitration Awards; Attorney Work Product Privilege Rather Than Mediation Privilege Protects Documents From Discovery; and Supreme Court Holds that Only Arbitrator and Not State Court Can Make Determination That Contract With Arbitration Clause Is “Null and Void Against Public Policy”); articles on international legal issues (Impact of Sarbanes Oxley on Latin American Based Companies, Cross-Border Insolvency; Latin American Insolvency Regimes; A Guide to US Bankruptcy for Latin American Businesses; A Guide to Preferences and Fraudulent Transfers for Latin American Businesses; Bankruptcy Topics (Trading Claims in Bankruptcy; Avoidance And Recovery Of Preferential and Fraudulent Transfers; Constitutional and Jurisdictional Issues in Bankruptcy; Acquiring Troubled Companies – A Comparison of the Bankruptcy and Non-Bankruptcy Alternatives; Claim Subordination; Allowance of Claims in Bankruptcy; Estimation of Claims in Bankruptcy; Ethics regarding Asset Protection; Bankruptcy Evidence issues; Asset Protection in Florida; U.S. Trade Marks in Bankruptcy); Intellectual Property Issues; and Entertainment Law Issues.

Mediation and Arbitration Panels, Court Admissions and Licenses

Admitted to practice law in all State and Federal courts in Florida; all State courts in New York; United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; United States Courts of Appeal for the Second, Third and Eleventh Circuits.

Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator; Roster of Mediators for the United States Bankruptcy Courts for the Southern District of Florida, the Southern District of New York and the District of Delaware; member of the American Arbitration Association's Commercial, Large Complex Case, Construction and Mediation Panels.

USCG 50 Ton Master License.

Community Involvement

Member, Board of Directors, Stiltsville Trust, Inc.; Member, Board of Directors, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center; Former Youth Sailing Director, Key Biscayne Yacht Club; Former Member, Board of Directors, Florida Historical Society; Former Member, Board of Directors, Volvo Ocean Race Miami, Inc.; Former Member, Board of Directors, Soldiers' Sailors', Marines, Coast Guard & Airmen's Club, Inc. (NYC).