Attorney
Biography

Hon. James A. Goodman

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Areas Of Concentration

Mr. Goodman's practice focuses on restructuring and creditors' rights and bankruptcy. In his capacity as Trustee, bankruptcy attorney, Judge and mediator/arbitrator, he has had broad experience in negotiating settlements of large, complex corporate disputes and has been involved in numerous liquidations of large industries which include social and environmental issues. Mr. Goodman is Of Counsel in the Firm's New York office.

Education

Boston University School of Law
L.L.B., 1961

Tufts University
1958

Bar Admissions

Maine

Professional Activities

Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy
Former Member and Governor of National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges
Former Member of Commercial Law League
Former Director, Member of the Executive Committee, and Vice President for International Development for the American Bankruptcy Institute
Former Member of the Board of Directors of Insol International
Member of the Advisory Board of the St. John's University School of Law, Bankruptcy LL.M. program

Representative Experience

Served as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maine, 1981-2001, and Chief Judge of the United States for the District of Maine, 1990-97.

Selected as the liquidating trustee in the Bethlehem Steel chapter 11 cases, which are pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, and LTV Copperweld, which is pending in the Northern District of Ohio. In addition, Judge Goodman has been involved in numerous bankruptcy cases representing creditors such as, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, HSBC and American Stock Transfer: National Steel, Agway, Inc., Budget Rent-a-Car, Conseco Inc., Coho Energy, Adelphia Business Solutions, Spectrasite, Hayes Lemmerz, Weirton Steel, Maxxim Medical, Kellstrom Industries, Kmart, Classic Cable and U.S. Diagnostics.

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Representative Experience

Presided over courts in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the District of Massachusetts, the District of New Hampshire, the Southern District of Florida, the District of Puerto Rico and the Middle District of Louisiana in cases involving a wide variety of industries, including airlines, automotive, public utilities, real estate, retail, telecommunications, farming, agricultural cooperatives, poultry-processing, restaurant, shipbuilding and transportation.

Prior to his appointment as a Judge, Judge Goodman acted as a Trustee in more than 5,000 bankruptcy cases from 1962 to 1981. As a Trustee, he liquidated assets in every kind of business, including, poultry processing plants, agricultural entities, heavy construction equipment, radio and television stations, automobile agencies and many others. He also prosecuted all phases of litigation to recover fraudulent transfers, preferential transfers, officers and directors liabilities' suits and objections to claims.

Involved in teaching programs in Mexico, Poland, Latvia, Slovenia, Slovakia and Thailand and has taught at programs in the United States to visitors from Belarus, People's Republic of China, The Ukraine, India, Malaysia, Hong Kong and South Africa. Many of these teaching programs were prepared in conjunction with his work with organizations such as USAID, Meridian International, World Bank, American Bankruptcy Institute, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, Deloitte Touche and the Recovery Group.

Practiced commercial and insolvency law in Maine for 20 years prior to judicial appointments.

Involved as mediator and arbitrator in numerous cases for the Courts in the Southern District of New York and the District of Delaware, Wilmington.