

## **Professional Biography\***

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<b>I. Professional</b>	<b>Accrediting Agency or Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Date of Admission</b>
Attorney	State of Massachusetts	1996
	State of New York	1997
	United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts	1997
	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York	1999
	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York	1999
	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan	2006
	United States Court of Appeals For the First Circuit	1997
<b>II. Professional Organization</b>	<b>Date of Admission</b>	<b>Active/Inactive</b>
Massachusetts Bar Association	1996	Active
New York State Bar Association	1997	Active
New York City Bar Association	2000	Active
American Bankruptcy Institute	2000	Active
Turnaround Management Association	2014	Active

### **III. General professional experience:**

Christopher J. Battaglia is the managing member of Halperin Battaglia Benzija, LLP (“HBB”) and has been a bankruptcy practitioner since 1996, and became a member of HBB in 2003. Before his relocation to New York in 1999, Mr. Battaglia worked for ten years (the latter three as an associate attorney) at Gordon & Wise, LLP, one of Boston's most respected bankruptcy boutiques.

Prior to his admission to the bar, Mr. Battaglia gained an understanding of the bankruptcy process from his work as a senior law clerk, and insight into the management and financing of a business from his subsequent role as the law firm's business manager. After his admission to the bars of New York and Massachusetts in 1996, Mr. Battaglia specialized in debtor representations for Gordon & Wise, LLP, and became well versed in sophisticated bankruptcy reorganization and appellate issues, as well as complex commercial litigation and transactional matters.

Since joining Alan Halperin in 1999, Mr. Battaglia has focused his energies on creditors' rights and the representation of official and unofficial committees of unsecured creditors, representing Committees in the PetroRig, Dana Corporation (Conflicts Counsel), MFS Fabrikant (Conflicts Counsel), RMA Management Services, Inc., Alpha Star Insurance, Standard Automotive, Turner Steel, Wards Products, Tender Loving Care Healthcare Services, Inc., Newington Health Care, Hitachi Seiki USA, de V&P, Insite Services, Homemaker Industries, Vanns Stores and RMM Records & Video chapter 11 cases. Mr. Battaglia has also represented trustees of liquidation/litigation trusts in all aspects of administration, litigation and liquidation (including litigation of mass Chapter 5 fraudulent conveyance and preference actions relative to liquidation trusts of Oakwood Homes Corporation, Green Field Energy Services Inc., Eastman Kodak Company, and Fedders North America, Inc.). His immersion in creditor representations, when combined with Mr. Battaglia's prior experience as the manager of a business and then as an advocate for debtors, provides HBB and its clients with an invaluable versatility and depth of experience.

Mr. Battaglia has represented interests in virtually every major Chapter 11 case filed in the Southern District of New York (and other districts) and has represented clients in all aspects of bankruptcy law and in a myriad of industries, including but not limited to, auto, steel, manufacturing, retail, real estate, furniture, healthcare, nursing, insurance, business/financial services, information technology, intellectual property, music and entertainment, jewelry, food services and restaurants, garment, and oil and gas industries.

Mr. Battaglia is a graduate of Suffolk University Law School (cum laude, 1996) and holds an undergraduate degree from Tufts University (1989). He is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New

York and the District of Massachusetts, including the Bankruptcy Courts within those jurisdictions, and the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Mr. Battaglia is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute (“ABI”) and co-authored seminar materials for the ABI’s Fifth Annual Northeast Bankruptcy Conference on the subject of litigating dischargeability (July, 1998). Mr. Battaglia is also a member of the Boston Bar Association (Business Law/Bankruptcy Section), the Massachusetts Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

#### **IV. General pertinent experience:**

Please see Section III above.

In addition, Mr. Battaglia has participated in no less than 100 formal Court ordered mediations as both counsel to plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of matters and cases involving commercial/bankruptcy disputes. Further, Mr. Battaglia has represented parties in both the defense and prosecution of over 5000 mass avoidance actions in a myriad of jurisdictions.

#### **V. Mediation Qualification/Experience:**

Certified Mediator by the New York City Bar Association February, 2015.

Mr. Battaglia sits on the Official Panel of Certified Bankruptcy Mediators for both the Southern District of New York and the District of Delaware and provides high level mediation services in commercial litigation matters.

Currently, Mr. Battaglia is a Court ordered mediator in the SunEdison, Inc., et al., Bankruptcy Case pending in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York and in the Gordmans Stores, Inc., et al. Bankruptcy Case pending in the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nebraska

#### **VI. Pertinent bankruptcy training:**

Please see Section III above.

#### **VII. General pertinent business or legal experience:**

In addition to the response in Section III above, Mr. Battaglia’s roles as business manager and managing member of his firm along with his other business interests has provided insight and experience in all aspects of business transactions and disputes that shall prove useful in mediating commercial disputes.

- \* See also the Halperin Battaglia Benzija, LLP website for more information on Mr. Battaglia and HBB’s

experience and prior representations.