

BIOGRAPHIES

THE HONORABLE DOROTHY T. EISENBERG
United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York

Judge Eisenberg was appointed United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York on March 28, 1989. She attended Brooklyn Law School, LL.B. 1950, and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1951; United States Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, United States Court of Appeals – Second Circuit, United States Supreme Court.

Following Graduation, Judge Eisenberg was an associate at Otterbourg, Steindler, Houston & Rosen, New York, New York from September 1950 to December 1951. She then limited her practice to raise four children.

Judge Eisenberg returned to the practice of law in 1970 as an associate at the firm of Goldman, Horowitz & Chernio, Mineola, New York until going out on her own in January 1981. In May 1981, Judge Eisenberg joined the firm of Shaw, Licitra, Eisenberg, Esernio & Schwartz, P.C. where she was a member until her appointment to the bench in March 1989.

Judge Eisenberg was a Panel Trustee for the Southern District of New York – 1979-1989; and Eastern District of New York 1975-1989. She served on the Committee on Character and Fitness for the Second, Tenth and Eleventh Judicial Districts, New York Appellate Division – June, 1983 to March 1989. She was a former Chairperson of the Bankruptcy Law Committee for the Bar Association of Nassau County and speaker at its Academy of Law programs on bankruptcy. She lectured at various state and local Bar programs, creditor meetings and other educational programs. She is a member and former member of the Board of Directors of the Bar Association of Nassau County and is a member and former president of the Womens Bar Association of New York State/Nassau Division. Judge Eisenberg is a former Executive Committee member and former President of the Theodore Roosevelt American Inns of Court; Fellow of the American Bar Foundation; member of the American Bar Association; and member of the American Bankruptcy Institute. Judge Eisenberg is a former member of the Advisory Committee of New York State – Federal Judicial Council for the Second Circuit.

THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. GROSSMAN
United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York

A graduate of Rider University, Robert E. Grossman earned his J.D. in 1973 from Brooklyn Law School. He began his legal career at the Securities and Exchange Commission in the Division of Enforcement in a group associated with the Division of Corporate Finance. After leaving the SEC, Judge Grossman founded and served as general counsel to a large financial services company that focused on acquiring and operating distressed assets.

Most recently, Judge Grossman practiced in the area of corporate law, business reorganization and litigation at Duane Morris. A significant part of his practice focused on providing advice to troubled or newly restructured companies, and investors, with respect to the financing needs of such companies. Judge Grossman has extensive experience in complex bankruptcy and creditor rights litigation for both individuals and institutions and has represented parties in the restructuring and transfer of assets in the bankruptcy court. Experienced in the intricacies of bankruptcy and restructuring matters across a wide range of industries, including real estate and healthcare, he represented borrowers, secured creditors, landlords and owners across the United States. Prior to joining Duane Morris, Judge Grossman was the chair of the restructuring practice group at Arent Fox, directing almost 20 professionals in matters across the United States and in Europe.

Judge Grossman is an adjunct professor at Touro Law School. He is also a past Chair of the International Secured Transactions and Insolvency Committee of the American Bar Association, Section of International Law and is a frequent speaker both in the United States and Europe. In addition, Judge Grossman was the past president of the Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association.

Courtroom Deputy: Madrie Tagle.

Law Clerks: Lynn Ryan, Catherine Cozzette, Corinne Donohue, Christopher Campbell and Amir Shachmurove.

THE HONORABLE ALAN S. TRUST

United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York

The Honorable Alan S. Trust ascended to the bench on April 2, 2008, and sits in the Eastern District of New York. He is an adjunct professor of law at the St. John's University School of Law. Judge Trust recently served as Chair of the Bankruptcy Law Section of the Federal Bar Association and is a member of the Board of Directors of that Section. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Eastern District of New York Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and is the CLE co-chair for that Chapter. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the American Bankruptcy Institute *Journal*, and is a contributing editor to the *Journal*. He is also a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.

Judge Trust has been a frequent speaker and author for numerous CLE events and seminars. He is a trained mediator, and was instrumental in the creation of a Pro Bono Mediation Program adopted by the Bankruptcy Court for Eastern District of New York. Judge Trust has also served on many local, state and national bar organizations.

Judge Trust attended Syracuse University, graduating summa cum laude in 1981, and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He attended New York University School of Law, where he served on the Law Review from 1982-83. Judge Trust graduated with a JD degree cum laude in 1984. After graduation, he relocated to Dallas, Texas to begin his law practice. Judge Trust opened his own law firm (Trust.Law.Firm, P.C.) in December 1995, and managed that firm until appointed to the bench.

CHRISTINE H. BLACK

Currently, the Assistant United States Trustee for the Eastern District of New York, Central Islip Division, Ms. Black was previously employed in the bankruptcy unit at Robinson Brog Leinwand Greene Genovese & Gluck, P.C., first as an associate in 1990 and from 1997 until 2008, as a partner. At Robinson Brog, Ms. Black represented debtors, creditors, creditors' committee, and chapter 7 and chapter 11 trustees in numerous bankruptcy and adversary proceedings, including discharge and dischargeability actions, claims allowance and preference litigation. Before joining Robinson Brog in 1990, Ms. Black was a trial attorney with the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of New York and had previously worked for a bankruptcy firm and chapter 7 trustee handling chapter 7, chapter 11 and chapter 13 matters in the Bankruptcy courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. Ms. Black is the author of "Chapter 7 Trustee's Ex Parte Request to Use U.S. Marshall to Search Debtor's Home for Undisclosed Assets Complies with the Fourth Amendment," published in ABI Commercial Fraud Task Force Committee newsletter.

For the past twenty-five years, Alfred Dimino has been a trial attorney with the United States Department of Justice in the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of New York. Mr. Dimino graduated from St. John's University in 1975, Pace University School of Law in 1979 and was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in 1980. Prior to joining the Justice Department in 1987, he was employed in private practice where he represented debtors, trustees, financial institutions, landlords, secured and unsecured creditors in chapter 7, chapter 11 and chapter 13 cases. Mr. Dimino has previously lectured on aspects of the Bankruptcy Code and procedure as a member of panels at both the Nassau County Bar Association and St. John's Law School.

Stan Y. Yang is a Trial Attorney with the Office of the United States Trustee in the Eastern District of New York-Central Islip Division. Mr. Yang joins the United States Trustee's office as a United States Attorney General Honoree. Mr. Yang graduated from CUNY Law School at Queens College in 1989. He is admitted to practice in the State of New York and is also admitted to practice to the U.S. District Court for the Southern and Eastern District of New York.



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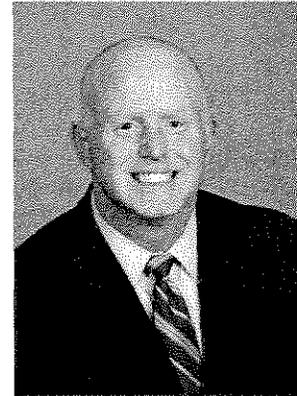
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Tom Draghi is a partner in our Bankruptcy, Workout and Restructuring Department. Tom has extensive experience representing a diversity of interests in bankruptcy cases as well as out of court workouts. He has represented lending institutions, creditors' committees, secured and unsecured creditors, bond holders, equity security holders, debtors, and trustees in a wide variety of cases involving publicly and privately held corporations, businesses and individuals. Tom has also served as a bankruptcy trustee.

With over 20 years of experience in the bankruptcy field, Tom's experiences include representing major corporate and individual creditors in many well known Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. Tom also regularly litigates commercial issues in bankruptcy cases, including actions involving claims for breach of contract, preferences, fraudulent conveyances, shareholder disputes, discharge and dischargeability, and other litigation matters. Tom also advises clients interested in investing in, acquiring and/or turning around distressed companies. He also represents clients in mediations.

Tom is a past President, founding member and former Chairman and current member of the Board of Directors of The Long Island Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association. The "TMA" is a not-for-profit association dedicated to the revitalization and turnaround of distressed companies. Tom also is a past Chair of the Bankruptcy Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association, and frequently lectures on bankruptcy topics.

Tom earned his law degree, *cum laude*, from New York Law School in 1990, where he was a member of the Journal of Human Rights. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from St. John's University in 1987. At St. John's, Tom played lacrosse on a four-year athletic scholarship. Tom is also Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of the Farmingdale Lacrosse Club. He is admitted to practice in the courts of New York and Connecticut, as well as the United States District Court for the Southern, Northern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

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Practice Areas

Bankruptcy & Business Reorganization Law
Corporate Finance
Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Education

Hofstra University School of Law
J.D., 1981
State University of New York Albany
B. A., *magna cum laude*, 1978

Memberships

Association of the Bar of the City of New York,
Committee on Bankruptcy Reorganization
Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court

Admissions

New York State
U.S. District Court, Southern District
of New York
U.S. District Court, Eastern District
of New York
U.S. District Court, Northern District
of New York
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Edward J. LoBello is a Member of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., where he practices in the firm's Bankruptcy & Business Reorganization, Corporate Finance and Litigation & Dispute Resolution groups located in Garden City, NY and in New York, NY. Mr. LoBello concentrates his practice on business restructuring, bankruptcy reorganizations, work-outs, corporate finance, creditors' rights and related litigation.

Mr. LoBello is rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest level of professional excellence. In 2012, he was recognized by New York Super Lawyers. In 2011 and 2012, he was recognized by *Long Island Pulse Magazine* one of the region's "Top Legal Eagles".

Notable experience includes:

- Conflicts counsel to Foreign Representative in Mexicana Airlines
- Counsel to Liquidation Trustee in Movida Communications
- Counsel to Committee Chair in DeWitt Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Inc.
- Counsel to Non-Debtor Affiliate in Inner City Media Corporation
- Co-counsel to Union Retirees in Chrysler and GM
- Counsel to Prepetition Receiver and Chief Restructuring Officer in HRH - Atlantic, LLC
- Counsel to Indenture Trustee in Innovative Stone, LLC
- Counsel to Committee Chair in Tana Seybert, LLC
- Counsel to Defendants in preference and other avoidance actions in numerous bankruptcy cases including Circuit City Stores, American Home Mortgage, Lyondell Chemical, Value City and North General Hospital, among others
- Counsel to Landlord in Champion Motor Group, Inc.
- Counsel to Union and Pension Fund in The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc.

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- Counsel to Landlord in Getty Petroleum Marketing, Inc.
- Counsel to Landlord in Betsey Johnson LLC
- Counsel to Key Service Supplier in Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.
- Counsel to Committee member in Delta Air Lines, Inc.
- Counsel to Landlord in Ziff Davis, Inc.
- Counsel to Debtor in Possession in US Gen New England, Inc.
- Counsel to Committee in TWA
- Counsel to Prepetition Lender in Cape May Nursing Home
- Counsel to Insurance Company in A.P. Green Industries, Inc.
- Counsel to Creditor/Intellectual Property owner in Global Crossing, Ltd.
- Counsel to Key Trade Supplier in Solutia, Inc.
- Counsel to Mortgagee of commercial property in various cases

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. LoBello was a Partner in the New York City office of a national law firm where he represented all major constituents in bankruptcy cases including debtors in possession, creditors' committees, committee members, institutional lenders, trade creditors, landlords, insurance companies, equipment lessors, asset purchasers, and preference defendants, among others. Mr. LoBello has represented clients in numerous large and significant Chapter 11 cases, including Chrysler LLC, General Motors Corp., Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., Compania Mexicana de Aviacion, S.A. de C.V., Delta Air Lines, Inc., Solutia, Inc., A.P. Green Industries, Inc., US Gen New England, Inc. and Global Crossing, Ltd., to name but a few.