

**Michael S. Amato Bio**

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<b>I.</b>	<b><u>Profession</u></b>	<b><u>Accrediting Agency or Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Admission</u></b>
	Attorney	New York State	1995
	Attorney	Eastern District of New York	1995
	Attorney	Southern District of New York	1995

<b>II.</b>	<b><u>Professional Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Admission</u></b>	<b><u>Active/Inactive</u></b>
	Accountant Attorney Networking Group (AANG)	2011 - Present	Active
	Suffolk County Bar Association	2002 - Present	Active
	American Bankruptcy Institute	2010 - Present	Active
	New York State Bar Association	2018 – Present	Active

**III. General professional experience:**

Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C. 2002 – present

Chair of Corporate Restructuring and Bankruptcy Practice Group. All aspects of Chapter 11 debtor/creditor work and commercial litigation.

Kalb Rosenfeld & Essig, P.C., 283 Commack Road, Commack, New York - 1995 - 2002.

General Practice located in Suffolk County, New York. Practice included Bankruptcy, Civil Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Matrimonial, Corporate, Estate Administration and Planning. Conducted both bench and jury trials.

**IV. Experience and Familiarity with Bankruptcy Law:**

Since 2002, my practice has focused on Chapter 11 debtor and creditor work. I have represented Chapter 11 debtors, creditor committees and other parties-in-interest. I have negotiated cash collateral and DIP financing agreements and complex Chapter 11 plans and related. I also represent both debtors, creditors and parties-in-interest in adversary proceedings, including but not limited to Chapter 5 litigation, fiduciary duty claims and deepening insolvency claims. Also, I have represented Chapter 7 Trustees after conversion of a Chapter 11 matter.

**V. Mediation training:**

Bankruptcy Mediation Training - American Bankruptcy Institute/St. John's University School of Law; December 7, 2014 - December 11, 2014; 40 hours.

One semester of Alternative Dispute Resolution at St. John's University School of Law - 1994.

**VI. Mediation Experience:**

I have represented debtors, creditors and parties-in-interest in mediations and arbitrations. I have mediated matters in the Eastern District of New York.

**VII. Area of Expertise:**

Chair of the Corporate Restructuring and Bankruptcy Practice Group at Ruskin Moscou Faltischek.

All aspects of Chapter 11 debtor/creditor work. Also a member of the Litigation Group, specializing in commercial litigation, including jury and non-jury trials.

**VIII. General pertinent business or legal experience:**

Chair of the Corporate Restructuring and Bankruptcy Practice Group.

All aspects of Chapter 11 debtor/creditor work and commercial litigation.

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fiduciary duty claims and deepening insolvency claims. Also, I have represented Chapter 7 Trustees upon conversion of a Chapter 11 matter.

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**IX. Other Pertinent Information:**

Public Speaking Activities:

January 2015 - *LI TMA Judiciary Night*

December 17, 2014 - *Capitalizing on Financial Services Opportunities*, Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C.

December 4, 2014 - *New York Sales and Use Tax-What Every Professional Should Know*, Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C.

November 13, 2014 - *Mortgage Foreclosures and Workouts*, Chairman and Speaker

October 29, 2014 - *How to get Paid and What to do When you Don't*, Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C.

January 9, 2014, *Section 363 Sales in Bankruptcy Cases; Financial, Ethical & Practical Issues* – LI TMA – Moderator

August 28 – 29, 2013, *Northeast Regional Conference* – TMA – Moderator

May 14, 2013, *A Primer on Foreclosure and Bankruptcy: What Every Solo Practitioner Needs To Know* – Featured Speaker

February 27, 2013, *Your Next Chapter 11 Case Should Be In The Eastern District of New York* – LI TMA – Moderator

December 11, 2012, *Mortgage Foreclosures and Workouts*, NYSBA – Speaker

August 29 – 30, 2012, *Disclosure Issues in Turnaround Situations*, TMA – Speaker

April 4, 2012, *Using Social Media as a Business Generating Tool*, LI Turnaround Management Association - Moderator

January 31, 2012, *Bankruptcy Ethics and Civility*, Federal Bar Association

November 1, 2011, *LI-TMA/Nassau County Bar Association Judiciary Night* - Moderator

July 13, 2011, *Understanding the Warning Signs of Bankruptcy*, Esquire Bank

May 9, 2011, *Dealing with Residential Foreclosure*, N.Y. State Bar Association

April 18, 2011, *Beyond No Comment; Communication Programs to Shape Positive Turnaround Outcomes*, Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C.

April 14, 2010, *Mediation, Financing and Professional Compensation in Chapter 11 Matters* – Nassau Academy of Law – Speaker

March 18, 2008, *Guaranties in Business, Can't Live With Them, Can't Live Without Them*, Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C.

September 10, 2007, *Preferences and Reclamation* – New York Institute of Credit – Speaker

March 22, 2007, *Bankruptcy Roundtable: A Practical Approach to Preferences, Reclamation and Administrative Claims*, Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C.

January 10, 2006, *Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Basics*, State Bank of Long Island

X. **Fee Structure:**

Hourly Rate

XI. **Pro Bono Preference:**

Brooklyn and/or Central Islip.