

United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of New York

Mediation Register

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I.	Profession	Accrediting Agency of Jurisdiction	Date of Admission
	Attorney	New York State	1/1989
	Attorney	Massachusetts	12/1988
	Attorney	S.D.N.Y.	1989
	Attorney	E.D.N.Y.	1989
	Attorney	Second Circuit Court of Appeals	2011

II. Professional Organizations

American Bankruptcy Institute, active since 1995
Association of the Bar of the City of New York, active since 2008
National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, active since 1993
Turnaround Management Association, active since 1996
Board of Directors, HEAF, 2007 – 2020

III. General Professional Experience:

My practice is concentrated in bankruptcy and restructuring, with a focus on bankruptcy litigation and fiduciary representations. With more than two decades experience in bankruptcy law, I have served continually and in good standing as a member of the Panel of Bankruptcy Trustees for the Southern District (Manhattan) I am also a Subchapter V panel trustee for Region 2. I have served as trustee of numerous large chapter 11 and chapter 7 estates, including more recently, The Northwest Company, LLC, Thelen LLP, Pali Capital, Inc., Louis Frey Company, Third Toro LLP, Dallek, Inc., Timothy's Coffees of the World, Applied Theory, Inc., and many others. I have also represented a number of other panel and non-panel trustees in New York and other jurisdictions. In addition, I have significant experience in complex wind-downs and liquidations, and in the investigation and recovery of estate claims through litigation (and mediation) including against prior management, insiders, and third parties.

IV. Experience and Familiarity with Bankruptcy Law:

I graduated from Hofstra University School of Law in 1988. I interned for a bankruptcy judge and a firm engaged in bankruptcy practice while in law school. Upon graduating, I became associated with Salomon Green & Ostrow, P.C., a bankruptcy boutique firm in New York City. In 1992, I started my own law firm, Geron & Associates, which grew significantly until I merged my firm with a national firm in 2005 to start that firm's New York office, where I also served as the first office managing partner of this office and then as an at-large elected member of the firm's national executive management committee for several years. The New York office, which I started and developed, grew to more than 80 lawyers by the time of my departure. In 2015, I decided to return to my roots in boutique bankruptcy law, first joining a small general practice firm and, in 2021, forming Geron Legal Advisors LLC, as an boutique law firm focusing on bankruptcy, dissolution and fiduciary representations in such matters.

V. Mediation Training: New York City Bar, Advanced Commercial Mediation Training, 17.0 hours, May 2012.

VI. Mediation Experience: I have participated as counsel in numerous successful mediations throughout my career, I have served successfully as mediator in many matters, and I have also been a party-litigant as trustee in several successful mediations.

VII. Area of Expertise:

Bankruptcy, insolvency, litigation, fiduciary matters, and dispute resolution.

VIII. General Pertinent Business or Legal Experience: I was appointed as a chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee in the Southern District of New York in 1992 and have been serving on this panel with distinction and continually since my appointment. I have served as a trustee in Manhattan in thousands of bankruptcy cases, with asset values of as much as many millions of dollars. I am also on the panel of Subchapter V trustees in Region 2, which includes this Court. In my trustee capacity, I have also handled and supervised countless litigations matters in the bankruptcy district and state courts in many jurisdictions, from standard recovery actions to complex fraud. I have also served as a court approved Assignee for the Benefit of Creditors in a complex corporate shut-down and liquidation. I have participated as a party and as an advocate in numerous mediations arising from this extensive litigation experience. Having owned and managed my own law firm for many years, and having managed and grown a local office of a national law firm, I have been able to further hone my business experience first-hand.

IX. Other Pertinent Information:

My boutique law firm is comprised of highly experienced and top-notch professionals with experience in bankruptcy matters.

X. Fee Structure (Compensation and Expense Reimbursement):

To be provided upon request.

XI. Pro Bono Preference:

I am prepared to serve as mediator in a limited number of cases each year where the litigants cannot pay the costs of mediation, and where my background and expertise would enable the parties to achieve a successful mediated solution.