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I. Professional	Accrediting Agency or Jurisdiction	Date of Admission
Attorney	New York State Bar	2008
Attorney	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York	2009
Attorney	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York	2011
Attorney	United States District Court for the Northern District of New York	2016
Attorney	United States District Court for the Western District of New York	2016

II. Professional Organization	Date of Admission	Active/Inactive
Member, American Bankruptcy Institute	2020	Active
Member, NY State Bar Assoc.	2008	Inactive
Member, American Bar Assoc.	2008	Inactive

III. General professional experience:

I have been practicing bankruptcy law since graduating from Albany Law School in 2007. Upon graduation, I was employed at Drake Loeb from 2007-2012 where I obtained extensive expertise in consumer bankruptcy on behalf debtors and creditors. I also developed expertise in commercial litigation matter. In 2014-2018, I worked at Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro LLP, a firm concentrating in real estate litigation and bankruptcy. I am presently employed at Kriss & Feuerstein LLP engaged in a complete range of bankruptcy representation, including Chapter 11 reorganizations and related litigation.

IV. Experience and Familiarity with Bankruptcy Law:

I have represented debtors, officers/directors, secured creditors, shareholders, landlords, tenants, employees, and in Chapter 7, Chapter 11, and Chapter 13 cases. Among other things, I have extensive experience in the following matters:

- Managing adversary proceedings, sanctions issues, claims objections, and bankruptcy appeals.
- Preparing motions for relief from the automatic stay and cash collateral agreements.
- Attending mediations, status conferences, and loss mitigation hearings.
- Originating creative workout solutions with distressed loans.
- Preparing and objecting to Chapter 11 Plans and Disclosure Statements.

V. Mediation training:

In May 2006 I took a semester course in mediation. In addition to a general semester course, I also attended 24 hours of training equivalent to the New York State Unified Court System training program for community mediators outside the classroom during that time focusing on role-playing. The 24 hours of training was sponsored by Albany Law School. In addition, I have been involved in multiple mediation sessions as counsel.

VI. Mediation Experience:

I have participated in multiple court ordered mediation sessions and loss mitigation status conferences. In addition, I have entered into settlement agreements on many litigated matters.

VII. Area of Expertise

In addition, to bankruptcy law, my litigation experience encompasses a variety of matters including contested and uncontested commercial and residential foreclosures, landlord-tenant claims, lender liability claims, real estate litigation, commercial litigation, and appeals.

VIII. General pertinent business or legal experience:

Upon graduating from law school, while focusing on bankruptcy I have also counseled individuals and businesses in a wide variety of variety of matters. I have also served on boards of directors for non-profit corporation. These experiences have allowed me to understand the processes and procedures involved in operating a business. As result, I can bring a practical perspective to many legal matters.

IX. Other Pertinent Information

A. Education

Albany Law School, JD, 2007

- Dean's List: Spring 2006
- Quarter-finalist, Albany Law School Senior Prize Trial Competition, Spring 2007
- Albany Law School American Association of Justice Trial Team, Spring 2007

Lehigh University, 2004, B.A. (History & International Relations)

- Graduated with honors
- Dean's List: Spring 2002, Fall 2003

B. Non-Professional Memberships

Since 2008, I am a member or have been a member of the following organizations:

- Faculty Member, Lawline
- Board of Directors, Orange County Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Member, Orange County Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals
- Member, Orange County Bar Association

C. Speaking Engagements & Awards

- “Strategic Bankruptcy Considerations for Distressed Real Estate in the COVID-19 ERA” Sponsored by Lawline (May 17, 2021)
- “Career Panel Discussion” Sponsored by Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity (2014)
- “Rising Star Award” Sponsored by Orange County Chamber of Commerce (2012)
- “Social Media Workshop” Sponsored by Orange County Chamber of Commerce (2010)

X. Fee Structure (Compensation and Expense Reimbursement):

Hourly rate of \$425 plus customary reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.

XII. Pro Bono Preference:

Brooklyn