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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

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 and at Kriss & Feuerstein LLP from 2018-2024. I am currently employed at Norris McLaughlin, P.A. engaged in a complete range of bankruptcy representation, including Chapter 7, 11, and 13 bankruptcy proceedings, lender liability issues, adversary proceedings, sanctions issues, claims objections, and bankruptcy appeals.

IV. Experience and Familiarity with Bankruptcy Law:

I have represented financial institutions, private investors, businesses, and individuals including debtors, officers/directors, secured and unsecured creditors, shareholders, landlords, tenants, and employees. Among other things,

My representative matters include the following:

- Prosecuted action on behalf of judgment creditor to obtain non-discharge ability judgment in Bankruptcy Court based on Debtor's false pretenses and fraud.
- Obtained multiple orders on behalf of lenders from bankruptcy court prohibiting Debtors' future bankruptcy filings from triggering the automatic stay under Section 362(d)(4)
- Confirmed multiple chapter 11 Plans on behalf of secured creditor to permit bankruptcy sale of Debtor's real property.
- Secured favorable decisions from bankruptcy court and federal court on behalf of various financial institutions to dismiss lender liability claims.
- Negotiated Section 363 bankruptcy sale on behalf of creditors.

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.

I have represented matters including:

- Managed large e-discovery productions on behalf of financial institutions in connection with various types of litigation.
- Successfully obtained multiple state court foreclosure judgments on behalf of lenders.

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

- "Chapter 11 Plans and Disclosure Statements – Tips for Creditors," *Lawline*, January 13, 2025
- "Chapter 11 Tips for Creditors," *Lawline*. May 13, 2024
- "Introduction to Single Asset Real Estate Bankruptcy Cases," *Lawline*, November 2, 2021
- "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

I will accept mediation engagements on either an hourly fee, daily rate or flat fee basis subject to a written retainer agreement. My hourly rate for service is generally \$425 per hour plus customary reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.

XI. Pro Bono Preference:

I can perform *Pro Bono* mediations in Brooklyn or Central Islip.