

**ROBERT A. WOLF**

July 25, 2019

Tarter Krinsky & Drogin, LLP  
1350 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Phone: (212) 216-1159  
Fax: (212) 216-8001  
Email: [rwolf@tarterkrinsky.com](mailto:rwolf@tarterkrinsky.com)

**I. Profession and Dates of Admissions**

Attorney. New York University School of Law, J.D. 1976

Admitted: New York State, 1977; United States District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, 1977; Second Circuit Court of Appeals, 1979; United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, 2013.

**II. Professional Organizations**

American Bankruptcy Institute - Active  
New York State Bar Association (Member, Real Property Section) - Active

**III. General Professional Experience**

1976-2002 - Robinson, Silverman Pearce Aronsohn & Berman (Associate, 1976-1984, Partner, 1984-2002)

2002-2008 - Bryan Cave LLP (merger with Robinson Silverman) - Partner

2008-2013 - Squire Sanders (US) LLP – Partner

2014-Present – Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP - Partner

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

A litigator by training, I have considerable experience representing bankruptcy trustees, debtors and creditors in bankruptcy cases, primarily in the Eastern and Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Courts. For most of the last two decades, the substantial majority of my practice has involved bankruptcy cases in those two courts. I have litigated numerous adversary proceedings, including avoidance claims and claims for breaches of fiduciary duty on the part of former officers and directors of debtor entities, have conducted Bankruptcy Rule 2004 examinations, have been involved in a number of Section 363 asset sales, and litigated objections to claims filed against debtors' estates. I have also been involved in Chapter 11 restructurings, including representing the Chapter 11 trustee in the successful reorganization of a cooperative

apartment corporation in Queens with approximately 550 apartments, and represented certain creditors in trial and related litigation in the Chrysler bankruptcy case.

#### **V. Mediation Training**

I successfully completed the New York City Bar Association's four-day course, Basic Mediation Training: Conflict Resolution Theory & Techniques, with Professor Carol B. Liebman and Dina Jansenson as Lead Trainers.

#### **VI. Mediation Experience**

I have served as a mediator in several adversary proceedings in the Southern and Eastern District of New York Bankruptcy Courts, and have successfully mediated the matters to resolution in a majority of them. In addition, I was previously appointed by a Bankruptcy Judge in the Eastern District of New York as an Examiner in a Chapter 11 case. My charge was to examine the question of whether certain rental tenants in a cooperative apartment building were denying the debtor, which had acquired ownership rights to the apartments occupied by those tenants, access to the apartments in order to make certain state court-mandated repairs. During the course of my investigation as Examiner, I became a de facto mediator between the parties, and through several in-person settlement meetings and numerous telephonic communications with the parties and their counsel, facilitated a settlement between the two sides.

In addition, as counsel for parties-in-interest, I have participated in many mediations of bankruptcy litigation disputes, a number of which have been settled during the course of such mediation. I have thereby been able to observe first-hand what techniques of a mediator are effective in facilitating settlements.

#### **VII. Areas of Expertise**

In addition to my expertise in bankruptcy litigation and related bankruptcy matters set forth above, I have substantial experience in commercial mortgage loan enforcement litigation, including mortgage foreclosure work, and in workouts of distressed real estate loans. During the period 1995-2019, I have chaired and spoken at each of the New York State Bar Association's Practical Skills Programs on Mortgage Foreclosures and Workouts. I have also been a frequent speaker, and sometimes chair, at other New York State Bar Association programs on mortgage foreclosures, receiverships, and bankruptcy topics. I also have considerable experience in litigation involving cooperatives and condominiums, and for approximately 15 years, I guest taught once a semester at my then firm partner Harold Lubell's course on Cooperatives and Condominiums at Fordham Law School.

#### **VIII. Other Pertinent Information**

I previously have served 3-year terms each as President and as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Brotherhood Synagogue, a 900-member congregation located in the Gramercy Park section of Manhattan. I have also been a member of the Synagogue's Board of Trustees for

the past 20 years. I believe I was elected to those positions because I am perceived as someone who is personable and strives for conciliation among opposing views, traits which I feel are essential in order to be an effective mediator.

**IX. Fee Structure (Compensation and Expense Reimbursements)**

My usual hourly rate at my firm regarding bankruptcy matters is \$695 per hour, but as a Mediator, I generally bill my time at the rate of \$625 per hour, and depending on the amount in dispute, a possible discount off of that rate is negotiable. Reimbursement for expenses would be in conformity with the guidelines of the Bankruptcy Court and the Office of the United States Trustee.

**X. Pro Bono Preference: Brooklyn**