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Practice Group(s) and Specialty Area(s)

Creditors' Rights, Bankruptcy and Reorganization
Business

Education

JD, *cum laude*, Suffolk University Law School
(1994)

BA, *cum laude*, University of Massachusetts at
Amherst (1991)

Bar and Court Admissions

Massachusetts
New York
U.S. District Court for Massachusetts
First Circuit Court of Appeals
U.S. Supreme Court

Professional/Community Affiliations

American College of Bankruptcy, fellow

International Women's Insolvency and
Restructuring Confederation

Local Rules Committee for Massachusetts
Bankruptcy Court, Chair of Business
Subcommittee

American Bankruptcy Institute

American Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association

Boston Bar Association, Bankruptcy
Section, co-chair

"40 Under Forty" Award *Worcester Business
Journal* (2006)

University of Massachusetts Economics
Alumni Advisory Board, member

University of Massachusetts, Women For
UMass, Steering Committee

Christine is a partner in the firm's Business Group and she also serves as the chair of the firm's Creditors' Rights, Bankruptcy and Reorganization Group. She has significant experience in the areas of creditors' rights, bankruptcy and business restructuring. She has represented debtors and creditors in all aspects of bankruptcy and pre-bankruptcy workouts. Christine frequently represents mortgage lenders defending title claims and avoidance actions in bankruptcy. She also represents traditional and non-traditional lenders, commercial landlords, court appointed trustees, Chapter 11 debtors and creditors' committees.

Christine also has significant experience in the area of commercial lending. Her practice includes representation of lenders and borrowers in all types of financing transactions, including general commercial financing, asset-based financing, real estate financing, participations, and intercreditor transactions.

Christine is active in the legal community as a frequent speaker on bankruptcy-related topics. In 2019, she became a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, which recognizes exceptional bankruptcy professionals for their work, their contributions to the administration of justice, their public service and their integrity. In 2020, *Lawdragon* recognized Christine as being one of the "500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers." In 2006, she was honored with *Worcester Business Journal's* "40 under Forty" award. She was named a Massachusetts "Super Lawyer" by *Boston* magazine and *Law & Politics* in 2008-2012, 2014-2020.

Christine is also active as an alumna of the University of Massachusetts, her alma mater. Since 2011, she has participated as a member of the Economics Alumni Advisory Board and in 2013 she accepted an appointment to the Steering Committee of Women For UMass.

Representative Matters

- Represented various lenders in connection with middle market loans to privately-held businesses
- Represented Chapter 11 Debtors in restructuring restaurant chain with more than 40 company owned locations and multiple national and international franchise relationships resulting in a confirmed Chapter 11 plan of reorganization.
- Represented Chapter 11 Debtor in all asset sale of manufacturing business and achieved confirmation of liquidating plan
- Represented numerous commercial landlords in national retail bankruptcy proceedings including Bertucci's, Appleseed Holdings, FiberTower, Linens 'N Things, Hollywood Video, Buffet Holdings and Alpha Omega Jewelers
- Represented numerous lenders regarding defaulted loans in pre-bankruptcy workouts
- Represented trustees and other estate fiduciaries in connection with the liquidation of assets and the resolution of claims
- Represented Chapter 7 trustees in connection with retirement plan terminations in bankruptcy liquidation proceedings

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Representative Matters

- Represented various lenders in connection with lien avoidance action by trustees in bankruptcy proceedings
- Represented creditors with significant Chapter 11 administrative claims

Publications/Presentations

- “The Closely Held Company in Distress: Prepetition Steps for Preserving Going Concern Value,” Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors Bankruptcy and Restructuring Conference (panelist) (June 2019)
- “Bankruptcy Mediation Training Programs,” American Bankruptcy Institute (panelist) (May 2019)
- 29th Annual Bench Meeting Bar Conference, Boston Bar Association (panelist) (May 2019)
- “Maximizing Mediation Success: Going Beyond the Requirements of the Model Standards,” American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, April 2018
- “The Closely Held Business in Financial Trouble: Unravelling Conflicts within the Family,” American Bankruptcy Institute, Northeast Conference (panelist) (2017)
- “Individual and Small Business Chapter 11s: Who Can Afford It?” American Bar Association (panelist) (2016)
- “Bankruptcy Litigation for Business Litigators,” Boston Bar Association (panelist) (2016)
- “Wait, Wait Don’t Tell Me... Ethical Considerations for Bankruptcy Practice,” National Conference for Bankruptcy Judges (panelist) (2014)
- “What Happens When a Chapter 11 Fails Post-Confirmation?” American Bankruptcy Institute, Northeast Conference (panelist) (2014)
- “Wait, Wait Don’t Tell Me... Whether Or Not I Waived My Attorney-Client Privilege,” Boston Bar Association Bench Meets Bar (panelist) (2013)
- “Are You Ready to go to Trial Against Your Borrower?” Risk Management Association, New England Chapter (panelist) (2010)
- "Bankruptcy Law Conference," MCLE (panelist) (2008)
- "Western Massachusetts Bankruptcy Conference," Massachusetts Bar Association (panelist) (2008)
- "Recent Developments in Secured Transactions Law," MCLE (panelist) (2007)
- "What the General Business Lawyer Needs to Know about UCC Article 9," MCLE (panelist) (2007)
- "Suits against Fiduciaries and Their Counsel," American Bankruptcy Institute Northeast Conference (panelist) (2006)
- "Ethical Issues When Representing Debtors," American Bankruptcy Institute Northeast Conference (panelist) (2002)
- "Business Bankruptcy Seminar," MCLE (panelist) (2000-2001)
- "Ethics in Litigation," American Bankruptcy Institute Northeast Conference (panelist) (2000)