

Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights

Our Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights lawyers are nationally recognized for helping debtors and creditors efficiently and pragmatically solve insolvency-related issues.

Navigating effectively through bankruptcy and insolvency law requires an experienced, steady hand. More than just knowing the rules of the game, it requires foresight, instinct, creativity, and tenacity. Our team represents debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, committees, financial institutions, bankruptcy trustees, and asset purchasers.

We begin by defining the scope of our representation, the client's business and strategic goals, and the available options, including the budgetary and risk implications of each. We work hard to ensure there are no surprises.

Some of our specific areas of expertise include:

- Financing for debtors-in-possession
- Formulating and obtaining confirmation of bankruptcy reorganization plans, liquidation plans, and creditor's trusts
- Handling unexpired leases and executory contracts
- Participating in valuation proceedings
- Representing creditors in adversary proceedings
- Defending against actions filed by bankruptcy trustees to void mortgages
- Litigating quiet title actions
- Pursuing complaints objecting to the discharge of debts

We offer more than narrow expertise—we see the big picture. In addition to the specialized bankruptcy skills, many of our Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights lawyers have extensive knowledge in finance, business practices, and commercial transactions. We routinely draw on this knowledge in corporate and business law to advise clients on the effect non-bankruptcy issues have on achieving a successful result.

Our attorneys frequently speak at seminars across the country hosted by such organizations as the American Bankruptcy Institute and American Bar Association.

Group chair Peter McGlynn has practiced bankruptcy law for over 40 years. Early in his career, he represented debtors from small and medium-sized construction companies, retailers, and manufacturers with 10 to 900 employees. Peter has also represented companies that acquire and liquidate bankruptcy assets of large national and regional companies, including the DeLorean Motor Company, Halle Bros. Co. Department Stores, Puritan Furniture / Massachusetts, and Scandinavian Design Furniture Co.

More recently, Peter has concentrated on representing creditors, shareholders, and bondholders in bankruptcy cases nationwide. Peter also represented 19 municipal light departments in the Public Service Companies of New Hampshire and the Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative bankruptcy cases—two of the largest utility bankruptcies in New England. He represented a multinational surety company in the Mirant Corporation bankruptcy case in Texas and represented stockholders in a \$1 billion sapphire furnace manufacturer bankruptcy in New Hampshire.

Peter has been a frequent lecturer on creditor's rights and bankruptcy litigation and has published numerous related articles. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and has been certified in business bankruptcy by the American Board of Certification.

Recognized as a leader in the field by his peers and leading industry publications, Peter is listed in *Chambers and Partners USA* as one of "America's Leading Lawyers for General Litigation," in *Best Lawyers of America* for commercial litigation and listed in *Best Directory of Recommended Attorneys*.

Attorneys

- Peter B. McGlynn
- David W. Merritt