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<b><u>I. Profession</u></b>	<b><u>Accrediting Agency or Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Admission</u></b>
Attorney	Supreme Court of the State of New York 2 <sup>nd</sup> dept.	April 1976
	U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York	August 1976
	U.S. District Court Southern District of New York	August 1976
	U.S. Court of Appeals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Circuit	March 1978
	Supreme Court of the United States	June 1980

<b><u>II. Professional Organizations</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Admission</u></b>	<b><u>Active/Inactive</u></b>
American Board of Certification	(1993)	Active
Board of Directors	(2006)	Inactive
American Bankruptcy Institute	( 1986 )	Active
New York County Lawyers Association	(1977)	Inactive
Bankruptcy Committee	(1995)	Inactive
Bankruptcy Lawyers Bar Association	(1982-1991)	Inactive
Board of Governors	(1989-1991)	Inactive
Bankruptcy Bar Bulletin Editorial Board	(1982-1991)	Inactive
Bankry. Bar Bul. Editor in Chief	(1989-1991)	Inactive
Richmond County Bar Association	(1983-Present)	Active
Director	(1981-1987)	Inactive
Fee Arbitration Committee	(1995- Present)	Active
Fee Arbitration Chairman	( 1995-1998)	Inactive
Judiciary Committee	(1985-7)	Inactive
Brooklyn Bar Association	(1985)	Active
Committee on Bankruptcy	(1985)	Inactive
American Bar Association	(1990)	Inactive
New York State Bar Association	(1977)	Active
Committee on Unlawful Practice of Law	(2006)	Inactive
Network of Bar Leaders	(1992-1995)	Inactive
Treasurer	(1995)	Inactive

### **III General Professional Experience.**

Since 1977 when I formed my current firm, my practice has focused on individuals and small businesses which has enabled me to obtain substantial empathy for real-world needs and concerns of ordinary people. Over more than 40 years, the breadth of my practice has expanded

to represent larger business clients but I have always focused on understanding my clients' needs and attempting to deliver a result consistent with their budgets. Central to my practice has been a belief that litigation is detrimental to clients, and disputes should be resolved on a consensual basis. I also try to be sensitive to the individual concerns of my clients and to recognize that when people have disputes, often both sides are "right".

#### **IV. General pertinent experience**

I believe I am uniquely qualified to serve as a bankruptcy mediator because of my extensive and broad based bankruptcy experience combined with over 40 years of General Practice. I have tremendous empathy for people and an ability to understand both sides of any problem. With few exceptions, I have successfully facilitated and negotiated resolution of substantially all business disputes and litigated matters in which I have been involved throughout my career.

I regularly undertake complex matters, which are often compounded by high emotions of the parties. Often, these are referred by other attorneys, and frequently come with a "history" that may discourage another attorney to undertake the matter. I pride myself in attempting to understand what motivates each side. My strengths are patience, perseverance, and a refusal to buy into others' emotions, while being mindful of those emotions and their causes.

I also serve as a member of the Mediation Panel of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York.

As former Chairman of the Richmond County Bar Association Fee Dispute Committee, and a current member, I have handled dozens of attorney fee disputes. Although technically denominated "Arbitration Proceedings" these situations are actually susceptible to mediated

solutions. Most of the Arbitrations I have been assigned actually resulted in mediated resolutions.

Because of my experience in representing individuals and small business owners, I have learned that the cost of litigation is usually prohibitive, thus I commonly facilitate consensual resolution of disputes between my clients and other parties. I pride myself on my ability to stay focused on obtaining a solution at times when others have lost hope.

In my own bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy business practice, I have successfully negotiated settlements of most adversary proceedings, contested chapter 11 cases, and business disputes, often working late into the night to accomplish a consensual result.

#### **V. Mediation training**

<b><u>Title of Course</u></b>	<b><u>Name of School or Instructor</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor of Program</u></b>	<b><u>Date(s) of Course or Program</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Classroom Hours</u></b>	<b><u>Certification</u></b>
Adjusted Winner		Med. Comm. USDC, EDNY USBC, EDNY	2/28/07	3 Hours	
Adv. Med. (served as coach)	Abrams	USDC, SDNY	9/23/05	7 Hours	Adv. Med.
Cutting Edge Negotiation Strategy		Center for Negotiation Strategy	12/10/04	7 Hours	
Mediation in Bankruptcy		N.Y. County Lawyers Assoc.	11/9/04	3 Hours	
Mediation		Richmond County Bar Association	4/9/03	1.5 Hours	
Mediator Skills	Jeff & Heshu Abrams	SDNY Bankruptcy Court	10/30/02- 11/01/02	24 Hours	Advanced Negotiation and Mediation

## **VI. Pertinent bankruptcy experience:**

I have practiced bankruptcy law since 1977, and have been involved with Bar Association matters in the field, often writing and lecturing on bankruptcy topics. I have been Board Certified by the American Board of Certification in both Consumer Bankruptcy Law and Business Law since 1993, and in 2006 became a member of ABC's Board of Directors, serving for six years.

I have been selected for inclusion in the Super Lawyers directory for Consumer Bankruptcy since 2007; have received the Martindale-Hubbell "AV" Peer rating Preeminent Attorney 5.0 out of 5; the Avvo Rating of 10.0 Superb Top Attorney Chapter 7; and the Avvo Clients' Choice Award.

About 75% of my practice has been devoted to Bankruptcy Law. My firm has filed hundreds of consumer bankruptcy cases, including both Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases. In addition, we often represent small and medium-sized business owners in Chapter 11 cases. I have had several larger Chapter 11 cases as well, including that of the internationally known fashion designer, Paolo Gucci. That case involved intensive negotiations with parties throughout the world to resolve franchise and licensing disputes as well as plan negotiations, which often lasted well into the night.

After one year in Bankruptcy Court, I confirmed a Chapter 11 case for a Westchester subsidiary of a Canadian computer manufacturing company. I have also successfully represented several Enron subsidiaries as creditors in the Enron Bankruptcy case. My work in one such matter resulted in the recovery of \$ 2.5 million for my client.

I have assisted several individual chapter 7 and 13 debtors with pending troubled or failed cases filed by other attorneys, and have turned these cases around to deliver successful

results.

Our firm also handles defense of Adversary Proceedings. In addition we represent creditors and landlords to protect their interests in pending bankruptcy cases of all types. I currently represent a company with a chain of self-storage facilities. I recently represented the landlord and distribution center for a large shoe company, and successfully guided them, as a creditor and party to executory contracts, through the shoe company's chapter 11 case.

## **VII. General pertinent business or legal experience**

### **Employment:**

Partner	Corash & Hollender, P.C.	1977 through present
Confidential Law Assistant	Appellate Division, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dept.	1976-1977

### **Classes/Seminars Taught:**

Consumer Bankruptcy Practice One Year After the 2005 Amendments: New York County Lawyers Association

Consumer Bankruptcy Practice One Year After the 2005 Amendments: Richmond County Bar Association.

Consumer Bankruptcy Practice under the 2005 Amendments: New York County Lawyers Association.

Ethical Issues for Bankruptcy Lawyers: New York County Lawyers Association (Chairman and Organizer)

Tax Issues in Bankruptcy: NYS Society of CPA's

The Intersection of Bankruptcy and Matrimonial Law: Richmond County Bar Association

Bankruptcy: Richmond County Bar Association

Bankruptcy and the Small Business

Bankruptcy - The Debtor's Perspective: Richmond County Bar Association

Bankruptcy and Foreclosure: Richmond County Bar Association

Highlights of Chapter 11 Practice: Richmond County Bar Association

The Struggling Business: The Staten Island Rotary Club

**Published Works:**

*Criminal Consequences of Concealing Assets in Bankruptcy*", New York Law Journal, June 2, 1998

*"How to Get Paid in a Bankruptcy Case Part I"*, New York Law Journal, October 15, 1999

*"How to Get Paid in a Bankruptcy Case Part II"*, New York Law Journal, October 18, 1999

*A Bankruptcy Primer for Matrimonial Attorneys*, Richmond County Bar Bulletin

*"Bankruptcy Reform '94 -Something for Everyone"*, New York State Bar Journal, March/April, 1995