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I. Professional	Accrediting Agency or Jurisdiction	Date of Admission
Attorney	State Bar of New Jersey	December 2001
Attorney	State Bar of New York	January 2002
Attorney	State Bar of California	January 2020
Attorney	US District Court – District of New Jersey	2002
Attorney	US District Court – Southern District of NY	2003
Attorney	US District Court – Eastern District of NY	2003
Attorney	US District Court – Eastern District of Michigan	2011
Attorney	US District Court – Northern District of NY	2019
Attorney	US District Court – Western District of NY	2019
Attorney	US District Court – Central District of CA	2020
Attorney	US District Court – Northern District of CA	2020
Attorney	US District Court – Southern District of CA	2020
Attorney	US District Court – Eastern District of CA	2020
Attorney	US Circuit Court of Appeals – 2nd Circuit	2012
Attorney	US Circuit Court of Appeals – 3rd Circuit	2013
Attorney	US Circuit Court of Appeals – 9th Circuit	2021

II. Professional Organization	Date of Admission	Active/Inactive
American Bankruptcy Institute	Since 2012	Active
New York State Bar Association	Since 2012	Active
New York City Bar Association	Since 2014	Active
International Association of Privacy Professionals	Since 2016	Active
American Bar Association	Since 2020	Active
Turnaround Management Association	Since 2013	Active

III. General professional experience:

A. Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Workouts

I am a bankruptcy and restructuring attorney who advises clients in both Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 bankruptcies, and in out-of-court restructurings. I practiced in that area since 2002. My bankruptcy and out-of-court restructuring practice currently is approximately 75% creditor-side and 25% debtor-side.

In addition, I occasionally represent parties in civil litigation in State courts and Federal District Courts. The issues in nearly all of those cases involve some aspect of financial distress. These include fraudulent transfer claims that do not arise in a bankruptcy case, collection matters, successor liability claims and breach of fiduciary duty claims.

My business bankruptcy and restructuring clients consist of distressed companies, in both in-court bankruptcies and in out-of-court workouts. For many of those clients, I have been able to navigate an out-of-court solution that avoided the need for the client to resort to bankruptcy filings. I also represent the following types of parties as creditors: (a) banks and other lending institutions, (b) private funds, (c) landlords, (d) professional services firms, (e) trade creditors, (f) contract counterparties and (g) shareholders.

In my bankruptcy practice, I have handled numerous contested hearings as either the sole counsel or the lead counsel. In addition, I have significant pre-trial experience, including propounding and responding to discovery requests, conducting and defending depositions, responding to subpoenas, and preparing witnesses for trial. I also have particular experience defending preference and fraudulent transfer cases, and with handling professional retention matters and fee disputes in bankruptcy cases.

I also have represented several individuals in connection with their consumer Chapter 7 bankruptcy filings on a *pro bono* basis.

B. Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Law

I advise clients in connection with the identification, evaluation and management of risks associated with their data privacy and cybersecurity practices. I also advise clients on various U.S. federal and state privacy and data security laws and rules.

I am a Certified Information Privacy Professional / United States Private Sector (CIPP/US), a Certified Information Privacy Professional / Europe (CIPP/E) and a Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM), which are designations awarded by The International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). I received the *Privacy Law Specialist* designation from IAPP in May 2021.

IV. General pertinent experience:

My restructuring practice primarily involves Chapter 11 cases, out-of-court workouts, corporate Chapter 7 cases, distressed asset sales and bankruptcy court litigation. I also represent professional services firms in connection with their contested and uncontested retention applications and fee applications in Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 cases. I also represent parties in adversary proceedings in bankruptcy cases, including preference and fraudulent transfer cases.

My clients include debtors-in-possession, *ad hoc* groups of creditors, members of official creditors' committees, secured lenders, trade creditors, contract counterparties, shareholders, purchasers of assets, and lenders and borrowers in corporate finance transactions.

My bio is available at <https://www.thsh.com/attorneys/michael-j-riela>

V. Mediation training:

I completed the following formal mediation trainings:

- New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators 6-Hour Civil Supplemental Training (February 23 and March 2, 2021).
- New York Center for Interpersonal Development Basic Mediation Training (October 21 through 23, 2019).
- New York State Bar Association Advanced Commercial Mediation Training (June 11 and 12, 2019).
- New York City Bar Association Advanced Commercial Mediation Training (June 5 through 7, 2019).

VI. Pertinent bankruptcy training:

See Sections III. and IV. above.

VII. General pertinent business or legal experience:

I have represented parties as counsel in numerous mediations, including mediations of complex contested Chapter 11 plan issues, and mediations of preference and fraudulent transfer actions.