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I. Profession Attorney	Accrediting Agency Supreme Court of the U.S. District Court Ea U.S. District Court So U.S. Court of Appeals Supreme Court of the	Updated 7/31/22  Date of Admission  April 1976  August 1976  August 1976  March 1978  June 1980		
II. Professional Organizations		<b>Date of Admission</b>	Active/Inactive	
American Board of Certification		(1993)	Active	
Board of Directors		(2006)	Inactive	
American Bankruptcy Institute		(1986)	Active	
New York County Lawyers Association		(1977)	Inactive	
Bankruptcy Commi	•	(1995)	Inactive	
Bankruptcy Lawyers Bar Association		(1982-1991)	Inactive	
<b>Board of Governors</b>		(1989-1991)	Inactive	
Bankruptcy Bar Bulletin Editorial Board		(1982-1991)	Inactive	
Bankruptcy 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 Committe	ee	(1985-7)	Inactive	
<b>Brooklyn Bar Association</b>		(1985)	Inactive	
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)	<b>Inactive</b>

#### **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 45 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". I treat each new potential litigation matter as an opportunity for a negotiated resolution which meets the needs of all parties without the expense of litigation

### 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 45 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, representing both Debtors and Creditors, I have successfully negotiated settlements of adversary proceedings, contested chapter 11 cases, and business disputes, often working late into the night to accomplish a consensual result.

- Negotiated resolution of a \$15 million taxi medallion loan.
- Emergency Subchapter V case to stop an impending Sheriff's sale of a multi-million

- dollar industrial property. In the course of that case resolved the underlying judgment.
- Individual chapter 11 case for a medical professional to remove a State Court Receiver and established the framework for a win-win solution for multiple parties with competing interests.
- Representation of wife when husband, during divorce proceedings, shut down his lucrative commercial plumbing business and supposedly took a job as a plumber earning \$1,000/week. Obtained for wife most of sale proceeds of marital residence and negotiated maintenance, and facilitated Trustee's pursuit of Debtor's transferred assets.
- When I see hidden risks of a chapter 11 case, I devise non-bankruptcy solutions to complex business problems,
- Serve as brainstorming partner to attorneys and accountants in resolving business disputes for their clients.

## V. Mediation training

Title of of Course	Name of School or <u>Instructor</u>	Sponsor of <u>Program</u>	Date(s) of Course or <u>Program</u>	Number of Classroom <u>Hours</u>	<b>Certification</b>
Adjusted Winner		Med. Comm. USDC, EDNY USBC, EDNY	2/28/07	3 Hours	
Adv. Med. (served as coac	Abrams (h)	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 Coun Bar Association	ty 4/9/03	1.5 Hours	
Mediator Skills	Jeff & Hesha Abrams	SDNY Bankruptcy Cou	10/30/02- rt 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.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I have counseled many small business owners as to their options and have assisted in implementing them.

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 Appellate Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dept. Corash & Hollender, P.C. 1977 through present

Confidential Law Assistant 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

Business and Bankruptcy in a Post-COVID World: Independent Association of Accountants

Post-Covid Bankruptcy and Loss Mitigation Options: NYS Bar Association, General Practice Section

## **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