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Areas of Focus

Bankruptcy and
Restructuring

Tariff Task Force



Overview

Companies in financial distress, trustees in bankruptcy, and plaintiffs and defendants facing major bankruptcy-related litigation turn to Richard Levin for counsel and representation. He is internationally recognized as one of the foremost restructuring, bankruptcy, and creditor-debtor rights lawyers and scholars. Rich helped draft the Bankruptcy Code in 1978 as House Judiciary Committee staff and currently serves as Editor in Chief of *Collier on Bankruptcy*, the leading bankruptcy-law treatise. His restructuring and insolvency law practice spans more than 45 years.

Rich handles complex bankruptcy transaction, litigation, and special situation matters and represents debtors, creditors, contract counterparties, acquirers, and boards. He has served a wide range of industries including automotive, manufacturing, banking, finance, energy, government finance, technology, shipping, defense, and agriculture. Rich offers clients deep technical knowledge that informs effective strategy and creative solutions for complex multi-party problems. Clients value his guidance in financial distress situations, including special situations in restructuring assignments, large-scale bankruptcy litigation, trustee and examiner engagements, and distressed M&A and investing.

As the former CFO and GC of an NYSE company, Rich understands the challenges that business leaders face, offering strategies that provide maximum benefit at minimal cost. He advises on international and cross-border issues, working seamlessly with non-U.S. counsel.

Richard is the author of Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law. This quarterly publication provides brief summaries of recent bankruptcy case decisions of interest to corporate restructuring lawyers and other

professionals. His most recent publication covers cases reported through April 2024. A compilation of all prior editions is available [here](#).



You have to be as valuable in the boardroom as in the courtroom, understanding corporate management and transactions and the real demands facing directors and management.”

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Credentials

Admissions

- New York, 2006
- California, 1976
- District of Columbia, 1976
- Massachusetts, 1991

Education

- Yale Law School, JD, 1975
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, BS, 1972

Service / Recognition

Awards

- American College of Bankruptcy, Distinguished Service Award, 2015
- *Benchmark Litigation*, Bankruptcy Star, National, 2012-2015; Local Litigation Star, Bankruptcy, New York, 2012-2015; Litigation Star, Bankruptcy, 2017
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2007, 2009-2021, 2024, 2026
- *Chambers Global*, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, USA, 2013, 2014, 2017-2024
- *Chambers USA*, Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Nationwide), 2012-2022; Bankruptcy/Restructuring (New York), 2004-2005, 2007, 2009-2026

- *IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms*, Capital Markets: Structured Finance, US, 2011; Restructuring and Insolvency, US, 2013-2015
- *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal*, Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement, 2013
- *K&A Restructuring Register*, America's Top 100, 2002-2007, 2009-2011
- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America*, 2007-2010, 2020
- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers*, 2026
- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Endowment for Education, Excellence in Education Award, 2012
- *The Legal 500 US*, "Hall of Fame" (Restructuring Including Bankruptcy), Municipal and Restructuring (Including Bankruptcy Corporate), 2021; Corporate Restructuring (including Bankruptcy), 2009-2016, 2020; Municipal Bankruptcy, 2012-2016; Finance, Restructuring (including Bankruptcy), Corporate, 2017-2019; Municipal Restructuring (including Bankruptcy), 2020
- *New York Metro Super Lawyers*, Bankruptcy: Business, 2004-2022; ranked "Number One" practicing lawyer in NY Metro area, 2015; ranked a "Top 10" practicing lawyer in NY Metro area, 2016-2019
- *Who's Who Legal*, The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, Insolvency and Restructuring, 2007, 2009-2013

Community

- JD Supra Readers' Choice Awards, "Top Author," Bankruptcy, 2024
- Federal Judicial Center, Faculty, Bankruptcy Judge Workshops, 2002-present
- Harvard Law School, Lecturer in Law, 2004, 2006

Industry

- American College of Bankruptcy, Vice President, 2009-2011; Member, Board of Directors, 2007-2012; Member, Board of Regents, 2003-2007
- *Collier on Bankruptcy*, Co-Editor in Chief
- National Bankruptcy Conference, Chair, 2012-2016; Vice Chair, 2004-2012
- World Bank, Consultant, Brazilian Bankruptcy Litigation

Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law

- April 2025 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law
- January 2025 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law
- October 2024 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law
- July 2024 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law
- April 2024 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law
- January 2024 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law

- October 2023 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law
- July 2023 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law
- April 2023 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law
- January 2023 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law
- October 2022 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law
- July 2022 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law Update
- April 2022 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law Update
- January 2022 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law Update
- October 2021 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law Update
- July 2021 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law Update
- April 2021 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law Update
- January 2021 - Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law Update