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Practice Areas

Bankruptcy & Restructuring

Bar Memberships

New Jersey

New York

John focuses his practice on commercial litigation, workouts, financial reorganizations, and creditors' rights. A respected and particularly well-rounded insolvency lawyer, he has represented an extensive slate of clients that comprises debtors, secured lenders, creditors' committees, landlords, administrative agents for syndicates of lenders, foreign representatives, and more. Throughout his decades-long career, he has handled mid-size to multibillion-dollar bankruptcy matters on both national and international scales, securing favorable settlements, proposing beneficial recovery plans, and successfully litigating cases that have enabled his clients' businesses to thrive and prosper. His significant experience has included complex restructuring and antitrust multidistrict litigation.

John is known by his clients and colleagues alike for his leadership qualities, legal acumen, and strategic thinking, which over the course of his career have yielded impressive results and garnered him numerous recognitions. In particular, he is an INSOL International Fellow and committee member of the INSOL Insolvency Practitioners Group, and one of only three bankruptcy attorneys in the Third Circuit selected for induction in March 2025 as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Additionally, in 2020, Best Lawyers® featured him as "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation/Bankruptcy in the Newark area.

John was most recently with Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C., serving as both Chair of the Commercial Practice Group and Co-

Lead of the Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Practice Group.

Other Info About John

Education

Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D.

- Managing Editor, *Seton Hall Journal of Sport Law*
- Seton Hall Juvenile Justice Clinic

Boston College, B.A., cum laude

Clerkships

Law Clerk, Legal Intern, Honorable Rosemary Gambardella, Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey, 1994–1995, 1992–1993

Courts

United States District Court, District of New Jersey

United States District Court, Northern District of New York

United States District Court, Southern District of New York

United States District Court, Eastern District of New York

Supreme Court of the United States

Recognition

Included on the *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business* list, Bankruptcy/Restructuring (2016-2025)

Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2014 – 2027 Editions); Litigation – Bankruptcy (2013 – 2027 Editions); Commercial Litigation (2021-2027 Editions); "Lawyer of the Year," Newark Area – Litigation/Bankruptcy (2020 Edition)

Included in *New Jersey Super Lawyers*® (2010 – 2013 and 2015-2025); Top 100 (2016 – 2022); *Super Lawyers Business Edition*, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights (2011); *New Jersey Rising Stars*® (2009)

Recognized for Pro Bono Service (2020) by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey

Professional Affiliations

Member, Lawyers Advisory Committee of the Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey

Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New Jersey

Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy

Fellow, INSOL International

Committee Member, INSOL Insolvency Practitioners Group, 2021-present

American Board of Certification, Business Bankruptcy Law

Standards Committee for American Board of Certification (Business Bankruptcy), 2009-2011

American Bankruptcy Institute

New Jersey Turnaround Management Association

New Jersey State Bar Association

New York City Bar Association

Presentations

Panelist, Seton Hall Law Review Symposium, "To Protect Their Interests: Corporate Bankruptcy History and Practice", October 23, 2026

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