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## Practice Areas

Bankruptcy & Reorganization

Loan Workout

Litigation

Distressed Assets Group

## Areas of Emphasis

Bankruptcy Litigation

Corporate Reorganization

## Overview



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Joseph L. Schwartz is Chair of the Firm's Bankruptcy Group. He has over 25 years of experience in commercial bankruptcy and state court insolvency matters, with a focus on corporate restructurings and reorganizations. Joe also has substantial experience in state and federal receiverships and assignments for the benefit of creditors, as well as out-of-court corporate restructurings, turnarounds, workouts and commercial litigation. He regularly represents debtors, banks, other secured lenders, indenture trustees, Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 trustees, creditors' committees, trade creditors, third party purchasers, insurance companies and landlords in bankruptcy and insolvency-related cases. Joe also regularly both prosecutes and defends avoidance actions, including preference and fraudulent conveyance lawsuits.

For the past few years, *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers Client's Guide* has ranked Riker Danzig's Bankruptcy Group in the top tiers of New Jersey's bankruptcy practices. According to peers and clients, the group is "brimming with quality" and "has handled more workouts and distressed loans than anyone." Chambers noted that Riker Danzig's Bankruptcy Group is "famed for its impeccable work" on behalf of creditors. Chambers has included Joe in its Client's Guide for Bankruptcy Law since 2010, noting that he is "absolutely fantastic," and, "in court he's an expert in process and procedure." They further say that he "presents well in court, makes very good arguments and understands the complexities of the code." He "inspires confidence" by being "fantastically well prepared, highly determined and completely at ease on his feet in court." Clients also call him a "talented lawyer" who "knows what he's doing, when to compromise and when to litigate," and "probably the best-prepared attorney that I have ever seen. He really does his homework." See [Awards and Honors Methodology](#).

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Joe has considerable experience and has taken a leading role in representing various constituents in numerous bankruptcy cases and insolvency-related matters, including complex cases involving the

healthcare, commodities, mining and metals, real estate, retail, apparel, steel, airline, manufacturing, distribution, telecommunications, and technology sectors.

Joe serves on the Corporate Advisory Council of Homeless Solutions, which offers shelter, services and supportive housing to the homeless and working poor in Morris County through outreach services, a Safe Haven Program for the mentally ill homeless, and a Family Transitional Housing Program. The purpose of the Corporate Advisory Council is to increase the visibility of Homeless Solutions and its mission among the local corporate and business community, promoting opportunities for partnering and employee volunteer/team building experiences. Joe is the Director of Membership for the New Jersey Turnaround Management Association, and also serves on the Turnaround Management Association's Global Membership Council, which addresses membership goals and strategies for TMA on a global basis. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and various other insolvency-related associations. In addition, Joe serves on the New Jersey Supreme Court District V-C Ethics Committee (western Essex County). He also frequently lectures and writes on various insolvency-related topics. While attending law school, Joe served as a member of the Suffolk University Law Review. *Best Lawyers in America*®, a peer review of U.S. Lawyers, has included him on its Best Lawyers list for Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law as well as for Litigation-Bankruptcy Law since 2010. Thomson Reuters has included Joe on the New Jersey "Super Lawyers" list for Bankruptcy Law each year since 2006.

### **Published Cases**

In re G-I Holdings, Inc., 580 B.R. 388 (Bnkr.D.N.J. January 26, 2018)

In re G-I Holdings, Inc., 2017 WL 1788656 (Bnkr.D.N.J. May 05, 2017)

In re Circle 10 Restaurant, LLC, 519 B.R. 95 (Bnkr.D.N.J. November 07, 2014)

In re Microbilt Corp., 588 Fed.Appx. 179 (Bankr. 3rd Cir. December 10, 2013)

In re NJ Affordable Homes Corp., 2013 WL 6048836 (Bnkr.D.N.J. November 08, 2013)

In re Raritan Hospitality, LLC, 2011 WL 2680906 (Bankr.D.N.J. July 08, 2011)

In re EnCap Golf Holdings, 2009 WL 9140813 (Bnkr.D.N.J. February 19, 2009)

In re Ridgemour Meyer Properties, LLC, 413 B.R. 101 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. December 12, 2008)

In re International Benefits Group, Inc., 2008 WL 5070673 (D.N.J. November 24, 2008)

In re EnCap Golf Holdings, LLC, 2008 WL 4200324 (Bankr.D.N.J. September 04, 2008)

In re Benun, 386 B.R. 59 (Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd. v. Jack C. Benun) (Bankr.D.N.J. February 29, 2008)

In re M Liquidating Corp., 2007 WL 4571090 (Bankr.D.N.J. December 27, 2007)

In re International Benefits Group, Inc., 2007 WL 1875926 (D.N.J. June 28, 2007)

In re United Steel Enterprises, Inc., 2006 WL 3544583 (D.N.J. December 08, 2006)

In re International Benefits Group, Inc., 206 WL 2417297 (D.N.J. August 21, 2006)

In re Benun, 339 B.R. 115 (Bankr.D.N.J. March 10, 2006)

In re Combustion Engineering, Inc., 391 F.3d 190 (3rd Cir. (Del.)

December 02, 2004)

In re APF Co., 308 B.R. 183 (Joseph A. Pardo, Trustee v. William Gonzaba, M.D., et al.) (Bankr.D.Del. April 26, 2004)

Pardo v. Foundation Health Corp., 2004 WL 1969580 (Bankr.D.Del. January 21, 2004)

In re Muma Services, Inc., 286 B.R. 583 (Bankr.D.Del. November 27, 2002)

In re American Appliance, 272 B.R. 587 (Bankr.D.N.J. January 25, 2002)

In re APF Co., 274 B.R. 408 (Joseph A. Pardo, Trustee v. NYLCare Health Plans, Inc., et al.) (Bankr.D.Del. December 18, 2001)

In re APF Co., 2001 WL 1820788 (D.Del. August 31, 2001)

In re APF Co., 274 B.R. 634 (Bankr.D.Del. August 27, 2001)

In re APF Co., 264 B.R. 344 (Joseph A. Pardo, Trustee, et al. v. Pacificare of Texas, Inc. et al.) (Bankr.D.Del. June 27, 2001)

Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County v. County of Somerset, 735 A.2d 633 (N.J.Super.A.D. August 27, 1999)

Matter of Arrow Carrier Corp., 1994 WL 411780 (D.N.J. June 06, 1994)

## Education

Suffolk University Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1991

Rutgers University, B.S. in Accounting, 1988

## Bar Admissions

New Jersey

United States District Court, District of New Jersey

United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

## **Professional Activities**

Member, NJ Supreme Court District V-C Ethics Committee (western Essex County).

Member, Debtor/Creditor Section, New Jersey Bar Association

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