

ERIC W. SLEEPER

Partner



Eric Sleeper, for more than a quarter of a century, has focused his practice on creditor-debtor rights, workouts, restructurings, reorganizations, corporate bankruptcy, bankruptcy-related litigation, corporate insolvencies and commercial foreclosures. Mr. Sleeper has represented each of the significant constituencies in workouts, insolvency matters and bankruptcies including secured creditors, lenders, hedge funds, corporate debtors, creditor committees, institutional investors, trustees, receivers, landlords and lessors, buyers and sellers of assets and claims from distressed entities, investment advisors and funds, and other primary interested parties.

He has practiced before courts throughout the country, including regionally in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware and has represented businesses in a variety of industries including real estate, hospitality, health care, retail, trucking, automotive, airlines, general manufacturing and finance.

At Emory University School of Law, Mr. Sleeper was the Editor-in-Chief of the Bankruptcy Developments Journal. He has authored several articles on bankruptcy law and lectured on bankruptcy and creditor rights issues.

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Education

Emory University School of Law, J.D., 1986
with honors, Editor-in-Chief, Bankruptcy
Developments Journal

Rutgers University 1981, Phi Beta

Key Capabilities

Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy-Related Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Corporate Restructurings

Corporate Reorganizations

Workouts

Commercial Foreclosures

Sales of Distressed Assets & Claims

Fraud Claims

Industry Experience

Real Estate

Hospitality

Health Care

Retail

Transportation

Manufacturing

Technology

Practice Areas

Financial Restructuring

Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights

Litigation

Hedge Funds

Bar & Court Admissions

New York

New Jersey

Professional Affiliations

American Bankruptcy Institute

Turnaround Management Association

American Bar Association

New York State Bar Association

New Jersey State Bar Association

Quotes, News & Publications

"5 Things General Motors Needs To Do Right Now." (April 2014).

"Lender Found to Bear Burden of Mortgage Fraud by Identity Theft." Lending and Restructuring Alert. (Summer 2007).

"Hedge Funds: Further Privacy Considerations in Bankruptcy Proceedings." Complinet. (May, 2007).

"Hedge Funds: Privacy Considerations in Bankruptcy Proceedings." Complinet. (March, 2007).

"Hedge Funds and Corporate Insolvencies." (2007).

"Second Lien Lenders: New Bankruptcy Battleground?" (2006).

"The Amended Bankruptcy Code A Year Later: Impact on Corporate Reorganizations." (2006).

"The Recent Amendments to the Bankruptcy Code" (2005).

"White Collar Crimes: Fraud, Receiverships and Bankruptcy." (January 2002).

"The Bankruptcy Police: Identifying Criminal Bankruptcy Fraud Activity and Making a Referral." (January 2002).

Representative Matters

Debtor representation (education business) of one of the largest corporate entities, with an annual revenue of more than \$60 million, developed under the federal “No Child Left Behind” law to provide special education and tutorial services, principally to urban school districts, throughout the United States.

Creditor representation (real estate/construction) of New York-based construction management company for a 45-story luxury hotel and residential mixed-use complex in mid-Manhattan valued in excess of \$100 million.

Representation of hedge funds in several distressed corporate financing and bankruptcy situations. Representation of hedge funds in bankruptcy-related discovery and litigation.

Creditor committee representation (manufacturing) in the Chapter 11 case of a leading designer and manufacturer in the plastics industry with annual revenues of more than \$100 million.

Representation of lenders, investors, and/or other creditors and interested parties in the Chapter 11 cases of: Calpine Corporation (utilities), WorldCom (telecommunications), Exide Technologies (manufacturing), Dana Corp (automotive), Bally Total Fitness (health clubs), Refco (financial services), Pliant Corp (packaging), Nellson Nutraceutical (health foods), Advanced Marketing/Publishers Group (book distributing/publishing), Earth Biofuels Inc. (alternative fuels), American Home Mortgage (financial services), KB Toys (retail), Marcel Paper Mills (paper manufacturing), Bayonne Medical Center (health care), Barnert Hospital (health care), DOBI Medical (health care), Kara Homes (real estate), Solomon Dwek (real estate), New Jersey Affordable Homes (real estate), Rockaway Bedding (retail), Levitz Furniture (retail), Jazz Photo Group, and Kiwi and UAL Airlines (airline industry).

Representation of several official or ad hoc trade creditor, bondholder and equity security holder Chapter 11 Committees, including in the cases of Oskar Huber Fine Furniture (retail), HPG International (manufacturing), Lakeview Subacute Care (health care), Southmark Corporation (real estate), Circle K Corporation (retail), Merry-Go-Round Enterprises, Inc. (retail) and Zale Corporation (retail).