

ERIC W. SLEEPER

Senior Counsel/Retired Partner



Eric Sleeper, for nearly forty years, focused his practice on creditor-debtor rights, workouts, restructurings, reorganizations, corporate bankruptcy, bankruptcy-related litigation, corporate insolvencies, and commercial foreclosures. Eric 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 practiced before courts throughout the country, including regionally in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware and represented businesses in a variety of industries including real estate, hospitality, health care, retail, trucking, automotive, airlines, general manufacturing and finance.

Eric's practice also encompassed commercial litigation and general corporate legal advice. Additionally, Eric's practice expanded into the field of cannabis law. As the legalization of cannabis, and the corresponding significant growth of cannabis-related businesses, flourished the legal and regulatory aspects of the legal cannabis arena and their complexity have grown exponentially. Barton LLP seeks to maintain an understanding of the very fluid legal and regulatory aspects of the cannabis market and how those affect our clients and their businesses within that high-growth industry. Eric has been a member of the Cannabis Practice Group leadership team for Primerus, a network of nearly 200 independent, boutique law firms across 40 countries.

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

Eric joined Barton LLP in 2008 and served as a partner through 2025. As Senior Counsel, Eric continues to provide advice and counsel in his former area of practice to his colleagues at Barton.

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Education

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

Rutgers University, Phi Beta Kappa

Bar & Court Admissions

New York

New Jersey

Practices

Banking and Finance

Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Creditors'
Rights

Industry Experience

Art, Fashion, Beauty, and Design

Cannabis

Construction

Entertainment

Finance

Food and Hospitality

Generation and Energy Services

Healthcare

Logistics

Manufacturing and Distribution

Media and Publishing

Real Estate

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association

American Bankruptcy Institute

New York State Bar Association

Primerus Cannabis Practice Group

Turnaround Management Association

Honors

Avvo Rating: 9.0

Avvo Top Contributor Award

Attorney Articles

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"New Jersey Has Adopted Its First Set of Significant Rules to Guide the Cultivation, Manufacture, And Sale of Recreational Cannabis." Blog. (August 25, 2021).

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"Cannabis Law Updates." Blog. (December 2018).

"East Coast Cannabis: Legal Restrictions Demise May Soon Allow it to Fly High." Blog. (October 2018).

"Drones (a/k/a Unmanned Aircraft Systems): A 21st Century (Regulated) Gold Rush." Blog. (October 2018).

"The Feds, Cannabis and Hemp: Imperfect Together." Blog. (July 2018).

"Bankruptcy Safe Harbor Part II." Blog. (July 2018).

"Just How Safe a Harbor Is Bankruptcy For Pre-Bankruptcy Securities-Related Transactions?" Blog. (October 2017).

"Cannabis: It's An Industry and Not Just Mother Jones Anymore." Blog. (September 2017)

"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).

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"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).

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In the Media

Interviewed in "Cannabis Regulation and the Litigation Landscape." *Corporate Disputes Magazine* published by Financier Worldwide. Jul-Sep 2022 Issue.

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Quoted in "DIP Lenders' Strings May Pose Concerns for Creditors." *Women's Wear Daily*. (May 13, 2020).

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

Presentations

"Distressed Cannabis: Restructuring Options." Primerus Cannabis Practice Group Webinar. (June 2024).

"Cannabis: Internationally & Domestically." Co-Presenter. Primerus webinar. (February 22, 2022).