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George represents committees of unsecured creditors, secured creditors, debtors and other constituencies in bankruptcy reorganization and liquidation proceedings and related insolvency litigation.



Industries

Beverage & Food
Consumer Products
Fashion & Retail Law
Health Care
Life Sciences
Long Term Care & Senior Living

Practices

Financial Restructuring & Bankruptcy
Complex Litigation
Government Enforcement & White Collar

International

Europe
China
Asia

Education

Duquesne University, JD, Editor, Duquesne Law Review; Editor, Duquesne Business Law Journal; Duquesne Law Review, Editor's Choice Award; Summer Extern, Justice Hugh O'Flaherty of the Supreme Court of Ireland; J. Wilner Award, 2000

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Client Work

Recent representations include:

- Represented international retailer **Diesel USA, Inc.** in its Chapter 11 filing. The case was filed in the US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. Chapter 11 plan of reorganization confirmed in 38 days.
- Represented international retailer **Desigual** in its Chapter 11 filing. The case was filed in the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.
- Represented **CoverFX** cosmetics manufacturer in its Chapter 11 filing. The case was filed in the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.
- Representation of the creditors' committee in the bankruptcy restructuring proceedings of **Cengage Learning, Inc**., a leading educational content, software, and services company and textbook publisher. Cengage filed for Chapter 11 protection in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York with approximately $7.5 billion in assets.
- Representation of the creditors' committee in the bankruptcy proceedings of **Vivaro Corporation, *et al.*,** a leading producer of prepaid international calling cards. Vivaro filed for Chapter 11 protection in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The creditors' committee asserted fraudulent conveyance claims and D&O claims against former insiders.
- Representation of commodity futures customers in the liquidation proceedings of **MF Global, Inc.** under the Securities Investor Protection Act.
- Representation of **THI of Baltimore** as the purchaser of a portfolio of nursing homes and real

estate under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Chapter 11 proceedings of Mason Coppell OP, LLC, *et al.*, in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas.

- Representation of **Quanta Resources Corporation** in successfully defeating a motion to reopen chapter 11 proceedings by Revere Copper Products, Inc. in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.
- Representation of **Paul Kemsley**, a UK citizen and real estate developer and the former Tottenham Hotspur vice-chairman, in a closely watched international bankruptcy case, which culminated in the decision of Judge Saliann Scarpulla of the New York Supreme Court, recognizing a bankruptcy discharge granted to Mr. Kemsley by the United Kingdom's High Court under the common law principle of international comity.
- Representation of the creditors' committee and post-confirmation liquidating trust in the bankruptcy proceeding of **Rock & Republic Enterprises, Inc. (R&R),** in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.
- Representation of the creditors' committee in the bankruptcy proceeding of **Point Blank Solutions, Inc., *et al.*,** a leading manufacturer and provider of body armor, bullet, fragmentation and stab resistant apparel and related ballistic accessories. Point Blank filed for Chapter 11 protection in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.
- Representation of the creditors' committee in the bankruptcy proceeding of **Protective Products of America, Inc., *et al.*, (PPA),** a leading manufacturer of bulletproof vests and body armor. PPA filed for Chapter 11 protection in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Previous Work

Immediately prior to joining ArentFox Schiff, George served as a law clerk to the Honorable Arthur J. Gonzalez, US Bankruptcy Chief Judge (Ret.) for the Southern District of New York (2002–2003), where he gained experience working on matters such as *In re WorldCom* and *In re Enron* and matters arising under the Securities Investor Protection Act (SIPA).

George also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Cecelia G. Morris, US Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York (2000-2002). Under Judge Morris, he gained experience working on voluntary and involuntary corporate and individual Chapter 11 and 7 cases, as well as Chapter 12 and 13 cases.

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

George's recent publications, presentations, and recognitions include:

- Panel Moderator, "Ethical Considerations When Using AI Tools to Enhance Your Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice" *AIRA's 24th Annual Advanced Restructuring and POR Conference,* November 17, 2025
- Awarded, Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyer, 2024, 2025
- Panel Moderator, "Deals and Steals and Avoiding 'Craps' When Betting on Distressed Assets," *Turnaround Management Association's Las Vegas Distressed Investing Conference,* February 2025
- Speaker, 21st Annual New Deal Bankruptcy Seminar "Case Updates 2024," *Hudson Valley Bankruptcy Bar Association,* September 2024
- Awarded, Lawdragon Leading Lawyer, 2024
- Awarded, Best Lawyers in America, 2023-2025
- Awarded, Global M&A Networks Top 100 Restructuring and Turnaround Professionals, 2022
- Awarded, M&A Advisor Awards recipient, 2019-2024
- Awarded, Turnaround Atlas Awards recipient, 2024
- Awarded, Legal 500 Recommended Attorney, 2022-2023
- Awarded, JDSupra Readers' Choice Top Author, 2023
- Awarded, American Bankruptcy Institute's Best of ABI 2022: The Year in Business Bankruptcy
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Editor, Retail and Office Bankruptcy: Landlord Tenant Rights published by American Bankruptcy Institute

- Chairman of the New York State Bar Association's Business Law Committee on Bankruptcy
- Co-author, "Must the Office of the United States Trustee Issue Refunds of Fees Collected Under the UST Fee Schedule the Supreme Court Determined Was Unconstitutional in Its 2022-2023 Term?" *American Bar Association Supreme Court Preview,* January 8, 2024
- Speaker, "Serving on an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors," *National Association of Credit Management*, May 23, 2023
- Co-host, "Extra Credit Podcast", *National Association of Credit Management,* March 6, 2023
- Awarded, "Industrials Deal of the Year," *The M&A Advisor*, March 15, 2023
- Awarded, "Readers' Choice Awards - Top Author," *JD Supra*, March 6, 2023
- Co-author, "Chapter 11 Bankruptcies Are Up 70% Annually," *National Association of Credit Management*, February 16, 2023
- Co-author, "After the Green Rush: Bankruptcy Alternatives for Restructuring Cannabis Businesses," *Cannabis Business Executive,* February 15, 2023
- Co-author, "2nd Circ. Ruling Offers Ch. 11 Guidance In A Post-Siegel World," *Law360*, December 16, 2022
- Co-author, "Global Debt Crisis Fuels Instability in Emerging Markets," *ABI Journal*, December 2022
- Speaker, "Subchapter V: Unlocking Value in 'Small Business' Bankruptcies," *Commercial Collection Agencies of America Annual Conference*, October 20, 2022
- Awarded "Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year" (Between $10MM and $100MM) by *The M&A Advisor*, July 27, 2022
- Co-author, "Another Retail Bankruptcy Wave May Be On Its Way," *Law360,* July 15, 2022
- Co-author, "Congress Passes Legislation to Revive Expanded Debt Ceiling for Subchapter V Bankruptcy," *The Turnaround Report, TMA NYC*, June 20, 2022
- Panelist, "Subchapter V: Strategies for Unsecured Creditors to Maximize Value and Key Developments I," *NACM, Credit Congress Expo 2022*, June 7, 2022
- Co-author, "Legislation Expanding Subchapter V Bankruptcy Eligibility Awaits Congressional Vote," *New York Law Journal*, June 3, 2022
- Co-author, "Will the Retail Apocalypse Return?," *The National Law Review*, May 18, 2022
- Panelist, "A New Frontier or the Wild Wild West: Practice Considerations in Subchapter V Cases", *ABA, Business Law Section Hybrid Spring Hybrid 2022*, March 31, 2022
- Co-author, "Recent Legislative Developments in Business Bankruptcy: The "Texas Two-Step" and the Nondebtor Release Prohibition Act of 2021", Credit Research Foundation's publication, *Perspective by CRF,* Q1 2022
- Panelist, "*Changes to Subchapter V in Bankruptcy Law"*, Credit Research Foundation March Forum, March 15, 2022
- Panelist, "*The Next Wave*", Credit Research Foundation, March 9, 2022
- Co-author, "Small Business Reorganization Act in Practice: Issues and Strategies for Creditors in Small Business Bankruptcies," Credit Research Foundation's publication, *Perspective by CRF*, Q4 2021
- Panelist, "Recent Developments in Bankruptcy", GLSA, November 4, 2021
- Speaker, "Introduction To Distressed Company M&A In Bankruptcy – Bankruptcy Code 363 Sales," New York State Bar Association, October 7, 2021
- Speaker, "Business Bankruptcy Basics Part II: The Exit – Options, Alternatives And Outcome," New York State Bar Association, June 28, 2021
- Speaker, "Business Bankruptcy Basics Part I: The Filing – Strategies And Considerations," New York State Bar Association, June 25, 2021
- Speaker, "Saving Small Businesses: Subchapter V, A Lifeline & Toolkit, Part 1 and 2," New York State Bar Association, April 16 & 23, 2021
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Panelist, “Subchapter V: Getting the Most Out of Small Business Reorganizations,” Credit Research Foundation, March 15, 2021

- Co-moderator, “2020 - The Year in Review from the Perspectives of Judges and Attorneys,” AIRA’s 19th Annual Advanced Restructuring and Plan of Reorganization Conference, November 16, 2020
- Panelist, “NYIC: The Small Business Reorganization Act: Perspectives from all the Major Players in a Case,” Insolvency 2020: Restructuring, Insolvency & Distressed Debt Virtual Summit, October 22, 2020
- Co-author, “The Ninth Circuit Affirms Creditors’ Ability to Block ‘Cramdown’ by Purchasing Claims,” *Harvard Law School Bankruptcy Roundtable*, September 2018
- Co-author, “Why Businesses Should Consider Serving on an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors,” July 2018
- Editor, American Bankruptcy Institute’s “*Retail and Office Bankruptcy Landlord/Tenant Rights”*
- “Yankee Practitioners Cheer US Bankruptcy Court’s Recognition of British Flexibility,” *The American Lawyer*, June 5, 2018
- “US Bankruptcy Court Recognises a Foreign Plan of Reorganisation and Enforces Third-Party Releases in the Chapter 15 Context,” INSOL International, May 18, 2018
- Co-author, “Key Constituents In Retail Bankruptcy: A Shifting Landscape ,” February 2018
- Co-author, “The Year Brick & Mortar Got a Bankruptcy Makeover: What Fashion and Luxury Goods Companies Need to Know About Restructuring and Bankruptcy,” January 2018
- Panelist, “*Recent Trends in Lease Rejection Issues*,” ABI webinar series, October 2017
- “Second Circuit: ‘Free and Clear’ Section 363 Sale Order Does Not Enjoin Faulty Ignition Switch Claims Against General Motors,” *Business Reorganization*, ABI Committee Newsletter - Vol 15, Num. 4, September 2016 (co-author Manuel Arreaza)
- “Economic Agglomeration And Bankruptcy In The Retail Sector: The Domino Effect”, *CRF News*, Credit Research Foundation, 3rd Qtr. 2016 (co-author Doug Flahaut)
- “Bankruptcy Issues Facing Retail Debtors,” Presentation to the East Coast Executive Credit Association (NACM Northwest), August 3, 2016
- “US Bankruptcy Court Recognized Israeli Liquidation Proceeding in a Chapter 15 Case,” *INSOL International*, April 17, 2015
- “US Bankruptcy Court Declines to Grant Comity to Mexican Labor Board’s Decision and Upholds Extraterritorial Application of 11 U.S.C. § 362 Automatic Stay,” *INSOL International*; March 16, 2015
- “Securing Value for Unsecured Creditors,” *Credit2B Webinar*; March 14, 2014
- “Hot topics in Chapter 9 Bankruptcy Cases - What Trade Creditors Need to Know to be Protected,” *CRF Credit & Accounts Receivable Open Forum*; October 22, 2013
- “Managing Your Claim, Risk Mitigation and Recovery Strategies for Customers of MF Global, Inc,” *National Grain and Feed Association* 116th Annual Convention; March 2012
- “Meeting the Challenge of the MF Global Bankruptcy: Status Report on the Bankruptcy and Liquidation of MF Global Inc,” *National Grain and Feed Association* 40th Annual Country Elevator Conference & Trade Show; December 12, 2011
- “The MF Global Bankruptcy – Implications for the Grain and Feed Processing Industry,” & *National Grain and Feed Association* and Grain Journal Webinar; November 10, 2011
- “Navigating the Life Insurance Secondary Market in 2011,” Arent Fox Seminar; May 18, 2011
- “Playing to Win: Effective Valuation Analysis and Strategies for Restructurings, Reorganizations, Distressed Sales and Auctions,” *Valcon 2010*; February 2010
- “Structuring the Law Firm to Protect Against Insolvency Matters,” *New York State Bar Association*, Business Law Section, Annual Meeting; January 2010
- “Reclamation Rights in Bankruptcy: What Every Credit Manager Needs to Know,” *The Credit and Financial Management Review*; first quarter, 2007 (vol. 13, no. 1), co-author
- “2005 Health Care Amendments to the US Bankruptcy Code: Patient Protection: Medicare Leverage and Who Pays?,” *Bankruptcy Reform 2005*, LRP Publications; 2005, co-author
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"BAPCPA Gives Patients New Rights, Debtors More Hassles, Costs," *Bankruptcy Court Decisions - Weekly News & Comment*; August 9, 2005 (vol. 44, issue 26), co-author

- "Congress Grants Government Upper Hand in Health-Care Cases," *Bankruptcy Court Decisions - Weekly News & Comment*; August 16, 2005 (vol. 45, issue 1), co-author
- "Who is Your Client? Counseling the Officers and Directors When You Represent the Debtor," *ABI Spring Conference*; May 2005, co-written with Andrew Silfen
- "Reallocation Plans and Unlocking Value for Unsecured Creditors," Plan of Reorganization Conference, *Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors*; 2004, co-authored with Andrew Silfen
- "Electronic Case Filing and its Impact," Summit on the Internet and the Practice of Law for the *New York State Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law*; June 2002

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
New York
Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

US District Court, District of Connecticut
US District Court, Eastern District of New York
US District Court, Southern District of New York
US Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit
US District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
US District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
US Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit