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Joel H. Levitin is a member of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP's Bankruptcy & Restructuring and Bankruptcy Litigation practices.

Joel advises troubled or distressed companies, acquirers of such companies, and primary constituencies such as bank agents, secured creditors, trustees, boards of directors, bondholders, committees, and equity sponsors in significant corporate restructuring and reorganization matters, both in and out of court.

Joel has extensive experience negotiating and litigating issues arising in distressed situations, including the confirmation of plans of reorganization, DIP financing arrangements and the use of cash collateral, the appointment of examiners and trustees, lender liability and equitable subordination matters, purchases and sales of the assets of distressed companies, and preferential transfers and fraudulent conveyances. He has also served as an arbitrator in various cases.

Joel has been recommended as a leading bankruptcy lawyer by *Chambers USA* since 2012, being "praised by respondents both as a talented strategist and as a 'hands-on' leader," and "a smart guy who can build consensus and is effective in the courtroom," for being "levelheaded – he never loses his cool and he gives pragmatic advice," and for his "strategic thinking and his ability to analyze a situation and explain it to the board in concise and clear terms." In 2020, he was named to *Lawdragon's* inaugural list of the "500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers." Joel was also recommended as a leading bankruptcy lawyer by *Global Counsel 3000* and *Practical Law Company*, and he was selected as one of *Turnarounds & Workouts Magazine's* eight "Outstanding Bankruptcy Lawyers 40 and Under" in 2001.

Joel is a prolific author and frequent speaker on bankruptcy and restructuring topics such as the fiduciary duties of officers and directors, DIP financing, intellectual property issues in bankruptcy, and investing in distressed companies.

Professional Activities

Joel serves on the Board of Editors of *The Bankruptcy Strategist*, a prominent industry publication. He is also active in the American Bankruptcy Institute, where he served on the board of directors, on the Advisory Board for the American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review, and as a committee chair (Young Members, Asset Sales, and Intellectual Property Committees) for many years. He currently serves as an editor for the ABI's "Volo" project, summarizing bankruptcy decisions from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In addition, he is a member of the Turnaround Management Association. He previously served as a member of the board of directors of the American Bankruptcy Board of Certification, a leading administrator of certification programs for insolvency attorneys, co-chair of the IP/Bankruptcy Committee of the Licensing Executives Society (LES), a member of the prestigious Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization of the Association of the Bar of The City of New York and its working Subcommittee on Professional Disinterestedness, and a member of the Commercial Law League of America.

From 1993 through 1996, Joel was an adjunct professor at Temple University School of Law, where he taught a course on corporate reorganization in Chapter 11.

Education

Duke University, A.B., 1984, *with distinction, magna cum laude*

University of Chicago Law School, J.D., 1987, *with honors*

Practices

Bankruptcy & Restructuring

Bankruptcy Litigation

Clerkship/Government Service

Honorable Norma L. Shapiro, United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Admission

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