



## **JEFFREY A. COOPER**

### **Areas of Practice:**

Business Reorganization and Restructuring  
Debtor/Creditor Rights  
Bankruptcy Litigation  
Civil and Commercial Litigation

While representing various parties in interest in business and consumer bankruptcies, Mr. Cooper concentrates his practice on business reorganizations and workouts. He has represented debtors-in-possession and plan proponents in the healthcare, garment, and food industries, including South Amboy Medical Center, Hit or Miss, Inc., and Deli Stars, Inc. He represented the buyer of the physical plant in United Healthcare and assisted the Trustee in litigation in the case of Robert E. Brennan. He has represented both the FDIC and RTC as a secured party in substantial bankruptcy cases. He also represents parties in the Chancery Courts of the State of New Jersey, as well as in out-of-court and state law workouts. He has represented parties to agreements with chapter 9 debtors.

Mr. Cooper has served as a Master of the Bankruptcy Inn of Court and on three Merit Selection Panels (which recommends bankruptcy judges for the District of New Jersey to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals). He edits the New Jersey Section of West's Bankruptcy Exemption Manual.

He recently successfully represented Chapter 11 debtor Brisar Industries, a packaging entity in Paterson, New Jersey, which maintained the employment of 100 blue collar workers, and confirmed a Chapter 11 plan.

While at Carella, Byrne, Mr. Cooper served as the firm's voting representative to the State Capital Group, a global association of law firms, served on the group's Board of Directors and as the Chair of its Bankruptcy Section. He created and maintained a well respected bankruptcy blog and was instrumental in the evolution of that section into a key networking and information sharing vehicle and utilized an effective listserv.

He has lectured for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE), the National Bankruptcy Institute, at the State Capital Group's annual meetings, at the Commercial Law League's Annual New York City meeting, and at the William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar Annual Conference.

Mr. Cooper has been selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers*, *Super Lawyers*, and has received an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

**Admitted:**

New Jersey, 1980

New York, 1983

U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit

U.S. District Court Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court District of New Jersey

**Published Works:**

West's Bankruptcy Exemption Manual, New Jersey section

Nunc Pro Tunc, 2009, Newsletter of the Historical Society of the District Court, New Jersey, article on the history of the New Jersey Bankruptcy Court, co-author

**Education:**

Yale University, B.A. (History), 1977

Cornell University Law School, J.D., 1980

**Affiliations:**

New Jersey State Bar Association, member

American Bankruptcy Institute, member

Historical Society of the District Court, New Jersey, Board of Directors