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Practice concentration in debtor/creditor rights, corporate restructuring, out of court workouts, bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Represents plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal court commercial litigation matters, and corporate and individual debtors, trustees, creditors' committees, secured creditors, landlords, and other parties in interest in all aspects of Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 cases.

Chosen by his peers as a Super Lawyer of the State of New Jersey for 15 years, including 2021. In 2013, named by New Jersey Monthly Magazine as one of the Top 100 lawyers in the State. The following year, appointed to the Registry of New Jersey Bankruptcy Court-approved mediators. In 2015 selected by the New Jersey Supreme Court's Office of Attorney Ethics to serve on a District Ethics Committee, and in 2020 appointed as a Subchapter V bankruptcy trustee in the District of New Jersey. Ranked in the Chambers and Partners USA Guide since 2016.

Employment: Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC, West Orange, NJ
Member, May 2021 to Present

McManimon Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Roseland, NJ
Partner, October 2018 to May 2021

Trenk, DiPasquale, Della Fera & Sodono, P.C., West Orange, NJ
Director, September 2004 to September 2018
Managing Director, 2010 through 2016
Combined with McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC effective October 2018

Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione, P.C., Newark, NJ
n/k/a Gibbons, P.C.
Associate, September 1992 to March 2000
Director, April 2000 to August 2004

Education: Rutgers University School of Law, Newark, New Jersey
J.D. with Honors, 1992
Member, Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal
Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania,
B.A. with High Distinction, 1989
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Admissions: New Jersey, 1992
United States District Court, District of New Jersey, 1992
United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 2003
United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2003

Articles: "Post-Confirmation Conversion Confusion: What is Property of the Chapter 7 Estate?"
American Bankruptcy Trustee Journal, Winter 2017
"A Very Safe Harbor: Circuits Expand Application of Section 546(e) to LBOs of Closely Held Companies," July 2010, Bloomberg
"An Appearance of Impropriety Is Not enough to Disqualify Counsel," October 1993, The Bankruptcy Strategist

Speaker: New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education
New Jersey State Bar Association, Bankruptcy Law Section

Activities: Elected Member – Westfield, NJ Town Council (2010 to 2017)
Clinic Panel Member/Pro Bono Attorney - Volunteer Lawyers for Justice
Steering Committee Member – Hon. Morris Stern Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project at Rutgers Law School