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Practice concentration in commercial litigation, corporate restructuring, debtor/creditor rights, out of court workouts, and bankruptcy. 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 in 13 of the past 14 years, including 2019. 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, and in 2015 selected by the New Jersey Supreme Court's Office of Attorney Ethics to serve on a District Ethics Committee, of which he remains a member. Ranked in the Chambers and Partners USA Guide since 2016.

Employment: McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Roseland, NJ
Partner, October 2018 to date

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)
Board Member – Center for Italian and Italian American Culture
Board Member – S.T.E.M Sailing
Clinic Panel Member/Pro Bono Attorney - Volunteer Lawyers for Justice
Steering Committee Member – Hon. Morris Stern Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project at Rutgers Law School