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Steven Z. Jurista received a B.A. in Economics, with honors, from Rutgers College in 1974, and a J.D. from Rutgers Law School - Newark in 1977.

He is admitted to practice in New Jersey, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals for almost 40 years.

In addition, Mr. Jurista has represented many clients in significant bankruptcies in the Southern District of New York and the District of Delaware. A member of the New Jersey State Bar Association Creditor/Debtor Section, and the Bankruptcy Law Section of the Essex County Bar Association, he has been a frequent lecturer to legal, business and accounting groups, and has been a frequent speaker at seminars sponsored by the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

Mr. Jurista has successfully represented many Chapter 11 Debtors, landlords, Creditor's Committees, and Trustees. Most recently, Mr. Jurista represented the Official Unsecured Creditors' Committee in the New York Military Academy case in the Southern District of New York. As a result of his efforts, creditors recovered 100% of their claims plus interest.

He has frequently been appointed as Assignee for the Benefit of Creditors and Receiver in State Court insolvency proceedings. He has also successfully represented clients in out of court workouts and restructurings, thus avoiding the cost and trauma of Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.

Mr. Jurista has been selected by his peers and colleagues to be included in *The Best Lawyers in America* for over 15 years. This publication has become universally regarded as the Definitive Guide to Legal Excellence in the United States, both by the legal profession and by the media. Mr. Jurista has also been recognized by *New Jersey Monthly Magazine* as one of the premier attorneys in the State.

Throughout his more than 35 year career, Mr. Jurista has handled and been involved in many large and complex matters. He has also represented some of the largest landlords in the New York metropolitan area in large retail cases such as Radio Shack, Coldwater Creek, A&P and Joyce Leslie Stores.

