

John S. Mairo

Chair, Financial Restructuring & Creditors' Rights

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Overview

Mr. Mairo focuses his practice on commercial litigation, workouts, financial reorganizations, and creditors' rights. A respected and particularly well-rounded insolvency lawyer, he has represented an extensive slate of clients that comprises debtors, secured lenders, creditors' committees, landlords, administrative agents for syndicates of lenders, foreign representatives, and more. Throughout his decades-long career, he has handled mid-size to multibillion-dollar bankruptcy matters on both national and international scales, securing favorable settlements, proposing beneficial recovery plans, and successfully litigating cases that have enabled his clients' businesses to thrive and prosper. His significant experience has included complex restructuring and antitrust multidistrict litigation.

Mr. Mairo is known by his clients and colleagues alike for his leadership qualities, legal acumen, and strategic thinking, which over the course of his career have yielded impressive results and garnered him numerous recognitions. In particular, he is an INSOL International Fellow and committee member of the INSOL Insolvency Practitioners Group, and one of only three bankruptcy attorneys in the Third Circuit selected for induction in March 2025 as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Additionally, in 2020, Best Lawyers® featured him as "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation/Bankruptcy in the Newark area.

Mr. Mairo was most recently with Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C., serving as both Chair of the Commercial Practice Group and Co-Chair of the Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Department.

Credentials

Education

Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D.)

- Managing Editor, *Seton Hall Journal of Sport Law*
- Seton Hall Juvenile Justice Clinic

Boston College (B.A., cum laude)



Related Practices

Financial Restructuring & Creditors' Rights

Healthcare

Related Industries

Biotechnology & Pharmaceutical

Financial Services

Higher Education

International



Professional Admissions

State of New Jersey

State of New York

United States District Court, District of New Jersey

United States District Court, Northern District of New York

United States District Court, Southern District of New York

United States District Court, Eastern District of New York

Supreme Court of the United States

Professional Activities

Member, Lawyers Advisory Committee of the Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey

Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New Jersey

Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy

Fellow, INSOL International

Committee Member, INSOL Insolvency Practitioners Group, 2021-present

American Board of Certification, Business Bankruptcy Law

Standards Committee for American Board of Certification (Business Bankruptcy), 2009-2011

American Bankruptcy Institute

New Jersey Turnaround Management Association

New Jersey State Bar Association

New York City Bar Association

Judicial Clerkship(s)

Law Clerk, Legal Intern, Honorable Rosemary Gambardella, Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey, 1994–1995, 1992–1993

Legal Employment

Principal/Commercial Practice Group Chair/Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Department Co-Chair, Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C., Morristown, NJ, 2003-2025

Counsel, Associate, Clifford Chance U.S. LLP, New York, New York, 2003, 2000–2003

Associate, Riker Danzig LLP (formerly Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP), Morristown, NJ, 1995–2000



Honors & Awards

Included on the *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business* list, Bankruptcy/Restructuring (2016-2025)

Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2014 – 2026 Editions); Litigation – Bankruptcy (2013 – 2026 Editions); Commercial Litigation (2021-202 Editions); “Lawyer of the Year,” Newark Area – Litigation/Bankruptcy (2020 Edition)

Included in *New Jersey Super Lawyers*® (2010 – 2013 and 2015-2025); Top 100 (2016 – 2022); *Super Lawyers Business Edition*, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights (2011); *New Jersey Rising Stars*® (2009)

Recognized for Pro Bono Service (2020) by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey

News & Publications

Delaware Bankruptcy Court Recognizes Crédito Real’s Prepacked Plan, Including Nonconsensual Third-Party Releases Allowed Under Mexican Law

Blog Post - *Gibbons Law Alert*

March 19, 2025 - Katharina Earle , John S. Mairo

Insolvency Practitioners’ Roles and Responsibilities—Jurisdictional Insights (USA Chapter)

Article - *INSOL International Insolvency Practitioners Group*

March 4, 2025 - John S. Mairo, Allen Wilen, Eisner Advisory Group LLC

Events

Panelist "Triage for the Healthcare Industry," American Bankruptcy Institute, 2024 Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop

August 7, 2024 - John S. Mairo

Panelist, "Seminar on Cash Collateral in Chapter 11 Cases," Lawyers Advisory Committee for U.S. Bankruptcy Court - District of New Jersey

April 28, 2023 - John S. Mairo

Speaker, "Cross-Border Mediation," INSOL IPG Vlog, Episode 6

May 11, 2022 - John S. Mairo

Panelist, "A Discussion with Appointment Takers in Restructuring Mandates," INSOL Virtual Conference

May 18, 2021 - John S. Mairo

Panelist, "Is It Worth It? Cost Assessment for Debt Collection Abroad," INSOL, New York, USA Conference

May 18, 2019 - John S. Mairo



Panelist, "IP Regulation - Politics of Change," INSOL, Sydney,
Australia Conference
January 1, 2018 - John S. Mairo