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**Professional Experience**

**Legal -**

- Piro, Zinna, Cifelli, Paris & Genitempo - Partner (June 1, 2017 - present)
- LeClairRyan - Shareholder (January 1, 2008 – May 31, 2017)
- Seiden Wayne – Member/Partner (January 1, 1995 – merger with LeClairRyan January 2008)
- McCarter & English – Senior Associate (January 1, 1990 – December 31, 1994)
- Clapp & Eisenberg, P.C. – Associate (September 1987 – December 31, 1989)
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of N.J. The late Honorable Vincent J. Commisa, Chief Judge – Law Clerk (1986 – 1987)

**Education –**

- Rutgers University – Newark - Adj Professor/Part-Time Lecturer  
Political Science Department (Fall 2012 to Present)  
American National Government, Intro. to Law and Legal Research.  
Intro. to Substantive Law
- See Also Honors and Awards Below

**Bar Admissions**

Admitted in the State of New Jersey and United States Federal Courts for District of New Jersey (1986), Eastern, Southern and Northern Districts of New York, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, Third Circuit Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Court of Appeals and The United States Supreme Court

**Areas of Practice**

- Alternative Dispute Resolution –Experienced Certified Mediator and Arbitrator – Superior Court of New Jersey, U.S. Bankruptcy Court and Private – over 400 cases to date.
- Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring/Creditors' Rights
- Business Reorganization
- Bankruptcy Litigation – Adversary Proceedings/Non-dischargeability/Lien Avoidance/Officer and Director Liability/Shareholder Derivative Actions/Asset Sales/Breach of Contract, Fraud, UCC, and collateral disputes, etc.
- Business Break-ups
- Commercial and Residential Real Estate Foreclosure and related litigation, restructuring and workouts
- Commercial Litigation/Corporate Litigation/Partnership Litigation
- Franchise Litigation – Automobile, Retail, Hospitality, Restaurant and Other
- General Equity Litigation

- Fraud, Embezzlement, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Professional Malpractice and Attorney Ethics Employment Litigation
- Municipal Law – Special Counsel

### Honors and Awards

- “AV” Rated by Martindale Hubble (Peer Review – Highest Rating)
- Adjunct Professor, Rutgers University – Newark – Political Science Department (Fall 2012 – present)
- Adjunct Professor, Seton Hall University School of Law (Spring 1996 – Bankruptcy/Creditors Rights)
- Recipient of the Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Lifetime Achievement & Humanitarian Award – Seton Hall Law School/Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Society (Nov. 2018)
- Recipient of The Rutgers University – Newark, College of Arts and Sciences, Distinguished Alumni Service Award (May 2014)
- Listed among *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, and related Litigation – Bankruptcy (2009–2019)
- Listed in NJ & NY Super Lawyers (2009–2015 & 2016–2019)
- Listed as Top Lawyer, various publications (2008 – 2019)
- Selected America’s Most Honored Professionals - Top 1% (2016-2018)
- Selected America’s Most Honored Professionals - Top 5% (2011)
- Selected as a Top Business Lawyer (2014)
- Listed in *Law & Politics* magazine's "New Jersey Super Lawyers" section in Bankruptcy: Business (2012–2015)
- Listed in *New York Magazine* - New York Area's Top Lawyers
- Listed in *Corporate Counsel* - Top Lawyers (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law)
- Lifetime Member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum
- Frequent Lecturer for National Business Institute and New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education

### Professional Memberships

- Seton Hall University School of Law, Board of Visitors: Member (2011 – present)
- Rutgers University – Newark, NCAS Dean’s Cabinet: Member (2011 – present)
- Rutgers University Philanthropy Committee: Member (2015)
- The Salvation Army, Morristown Corps. Advisory Board – Chairman (July 2015 – Sept. 2019)
- The Salvation Army, Morristown Corps. Member (2013 – present)
- CIANJ: Member Board of Directors (2017 to present)
- CIANJ: Chairman – Financial & Business Strategies Forum (2017 to present)
- CIANJ: Financial Decision Makers Steering Committee: Member (2015 - 2017)
- CIANJ Member (2006 – present)
- American Bankruptcy Institute: Member (1999 – present) (Sections include: Secured Creditor, Bankruptcy Lit, Commercial Fraud Task Force, Business Reorganization and Real Estate)
- Turnaround Management Association: Member
- American Association for Justice (formerly known as the Association of Trial Lawyers of America): Member (2001 – present)
- American Bar Association: Member (1987 – present)
- ABA Forum on Franchising: Member
- New Jersey State Bar Association: Member (1990 – present)
- New Jersey State Bar Association: Equity Jurisprudence Special Committee Member (2004 – present)
- Essex County Bar Association: Member (1990 – present)
- Washington D.C. Bar Association: Member (1993 – present)
- New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators: Member (2007 – present)
- New Jersey Supreme Court Fee Arbitration – Dist. VA – Essex County – Newark (Sept. 1, 1995 – August 31, 2008)

- New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Attorney Ethics – Dist. VA – Essex County - Newark (Sept. 1, 1995 – August 31, 1999) (Sept. 1 2004 - August 31, 2007)
- New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Character (June 30, 1992 – June 30, 2003)

#### **EDUCATION**

- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D. (1986)
- Rutgers University, B.A., Political Science - *cum laude*, *Phi Sigma Alpha National PoliSci Honor Society (1983)*

#### **ARTICLES/PUBLICATIONS**

- Numerous articles and lecture materials on various legal topics and attorney ethics

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