

CARL N. WEDOFF, Associate

Mr. Wedoff has represented a range of clients in bankruptcy-related and non-bankruptcy commercial matters. Other areas of experience for Mr. Wedoff include international insolvency, appellate litigation, complex commercial litigation and internal investigations.

Mr. Wedoff is a member of the New York Bar and the American Bankruptcy Institute. He has been recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a New York Metro Area Rising Star in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Mr. Wedoff received a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Macalester College and a Juris Doctor from the University of Minnesota Law School, graduating *magna cum laude*. While attending the University of Minnesota, he worked as an extern for the Honorable Janie S. Mayeron, US District Court for the District of Minnesota. Mr. Wedoff served as a law clerk to the Honorable Stuart M. Bernstein, US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. He received his LLM in Bankruptcy from St. John's University School of Law.

Representative Cases:

- Represented the debtor/petitioner in *Law v. Siegel*, a United States Supreme Court case concerning the power of bankruptcy courts to override statutory exemptions of personal property that a debtor would otherwise be permitted to retain.
- Represents the debtors/respondents in *City of Chicago v. Fulton*, a United States Supreme Court case concerning whether an entity in possession of property of the bankruptcy estate has an affirmative obligation under the Bankruptcy Code to return that property to the debtor .
- Represents numerous clawback defendants in the Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC SIPA liquidation proceedings and related Fairfield Sentry Ltd. British Virgin Islands liquidation.
- Represented CME Group in the SIPA liquidation proceedings of *MF Global Inc.* and related matters.
- Represented Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) in connection with the Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Edison Mission Energy and Midwest Generation and the negotiation of issues arising out of a sale-leaseback transaction involving coal-fired power plants.
- Represents the Chapter 7 debtor in an Eleventh Circuit appeal of student loan "undue hardship" discharge determination.
- Represented journalist Mattathias Schwartz in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the US Drug Enforcement Administration. Mr. Schwartz prevailed on partial summary judgment before the District Court for the Eastern District of New York, with the Second Circuit affirming the district court's decision.



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Bankruptcy Litigation
Restructuring and Bankruptcy

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School, JD,
2008; *magna cum laude*

St. John's University, LLM, 2011

Macalester College, BA, 2001

ADMISSIONS

New York, 2010

COURT ADMISSIONS

US District Court, Eastern District of New
York, 2011

US District Court, Southern District of New
York, 2011

US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 2012

US Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit,
2016

US Supreme Court, 2020

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Stuart M. Bernstein, US Bankruptcy
Court, Southern District of New York, 2009 -
2011

- Represented section 1114 committee of executive and administrative retirees in *The Budd Company, Inc.* Chapter 11 case.
- Represented the defendant-appellant in a successful appeal of a mail fraud conviction before the Second Circuit
- Represents tenants in a Brooklyn housing court action compelling the landlord to repair a building rendered uninhabitable by fire.
- Represented PSEG in connection with the Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Dynegy Holdings, LLC and certain of its affiliates, involving issues arising out of complex sale-leaseback transactions of the debtors.
- Co-authored Ninth Circuit amicus brief on behalf of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees in *Gladstone v. Coventry*, an appeal concerning equitable tolling of avoidance actions and the characterization of term life insurance settlements.
- Represented the plaintiff in a dispute with an indenture trustee concerning the timeliness of a bond redemption.
- Represented an automaker in connection with a multibillion-dollar stock repurchase from the US Department of the Treasury.

Awards

- Legal Services NYC
Pro Bono Honor Roll - 2015
- *New York Metro Super Lawyers*
"Rising Star," Bankruptcy: Business, Business Litigation - 2015-2019
- *Best Lawyers in America*
"One to Watch," Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law - 2021

Community

- Legal Services NYC Associate Advisory Board
Member - 2015-2018

Publications

- Co-Author, "Big Data Meets Bankruptcy," *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, July 2, 2020
- Co-Author, "Outrageous Fortune: Making Money by Engineering Defaults," *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, July 2019
- "When Blockchain Meets Article 9 and Bankruptcy," *Law360*, February 9, 2018
- Co-Author, "What Did You Expect? Insolvency Forum Clauses," *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, April 2016
- Co-Author, "Determining Party Consent to a Bankruptcy Judge's Authority to Decide 'Stern' Claims," *New York Law Journal*, December 7, 2015
- "Perspectives on Schemes and Deceptions Relating to Bankruptcy Fraud: Aiding and Abetting Fraudulent Transfer," (presentation for Illinois CPA Society Fraud Conference), November 16, 2011

Speaking Engagements

- “Government Contract Issues in Bankruptcy,” West LegalEdcenter, March 02, 2015