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#### **EDUCATION**

- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., 1984
- Lafayette College, A.B., 1981

#### **BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS**

- New Jersey, 1984
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1984
- Supreme Court of New Jersey, 1984
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 2001
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2001
- Supreme Court of New York, 1985
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 1994

## **Stuart Komrower**

### **Member**

#### **Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring**

Stuart Komrower has been with the firm since 1987 and has been a member of Cole Schotz's Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring Department since 1993. He concentrates his practice in bankruptcy, debtor-creditor issues and insolvency-related commercial litigation. He has extensive experience in representing debtors, creditors, trustees, creditors' committees and litigants before the state, federal and bankruptcy courts in numerous jurisdictions, and has confirmed Chapter 11 plans on behalf of debtors, trustees and committees. As counsel for private funds, secured creditors and factors, his practice includes, in addition to debtor and committee representation, a concentration in secured asset recoveries, debtor-in possession financing, Section 363 sales and dispositions under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Mr. Komrower led Cole Schotz's team in the representation of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the successful Chapter 11 case of First Interregional Advisors Corp., one of the largest cases filed at the time in the District of New Jersey with creditor claims aggregating nearly \$200 million. He was responsible for the representation of creditors' committees in numerous other cases including the retailers Accessory Place and Krauszer's Convenience Stores, a major toy manufacturer, Eden, LLC and the broker-dealer, Heartland Securities. Mr. Komrower has extensive experience in prosecuting and defending complex and substantial fraudulent transfer and other avoidance claims under the Bankruptcy Code and state law, including acting as conflicts litigation counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Parmalat Chapter 11 case in the Southern District of New York and as debtor's counsel in the case of Burke Industries, a leading aerospace and defense contractor.

Before entering private practice, he served as law clerk to the Honorable Felix A. Martino, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division.

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Mr. Komrower has lectured on bankruptcy and debtor-creditor related topics for various organizations, including the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, the National Association of Credit Managers and the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants. He has successfully served as a mediator for the United States Bankruptcy Court Mediation Program, a Master in the Bankruptcy Inn of Court Program and Chairman of the District III New Jersey Supreme Court, Attorney Fee Arbitration and Ethics Panel.

### NOTEWORTHY

Mr. Komrower has been awarded an AV rating for his professionalism and the quality of his legal work from Martindale-Hubbell, the premier directory of legal professionals. He has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the prestigious *Best Lawyers in America*® in Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law from 2010 to 2012. He has also been included in the list of *New Jersey Super Lawyers*® in Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights, as well as in Top Lawyers as published in *Corporate Counsel Magazine* and Top Attorneys in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut as published in *New York Magazine*. He has also been named to the list of Bergen's Top Lawyers in *201 Magazine* for 2011.

*Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers For Business*, a well-respected legal directory, compiled based on in-depth interviews with key in-house counsel and private practice attorneys, ranks Mr. Komrower and notes:

"Stuart Komrower earns a place in the rankings this year as a result of his intelligent reputation and property-related bankruptcy advice. He is an attorney who 'won't keep the meter running just for the sake of it' when acting for clients."

Mr. Komrower was a panelist at a presentation for approximately 125 bankruptcy and construction law specialists, titled the Intersection of Construction Law and Bankruptcy held at the New Jersey Law Center by the NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

### PUBLISHED DECISIONS

In re Paula HERTZBERG, Debtor, Conklin Parm, Appellant, v. Paula HERTZBERG, Appellee., 1994 WL 16166983 (3d. Cir. 1994) (NO. 94-5422)

In re PRINCETON OVERLOOK JOINT VENTURE, Debtor, 143 B.R. 625, (Bankr. D.N.J. 1992 )

In re FIRST INTERREGIONAL EQUITY CORPORATION, Debtor, 218 B.R. 731, (Bankr. D.N.J. 1997)

In re FIRST INTERREGIONAL EQUITY CORPORATION, Debtor, 227 B.R. 358, (Bankr. D.N.J. 1998)

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In re Jeffrey A. VANDERBEEK; Ronald J. Del Mauro, Appellants, v. Brian BAREFOOT; Bridgewater Sports; N Fork Bank, f/k/a Trust Co NJ; Porter Bridge Loan, Creditors, 226 Fed.Appx. 209, (3d. Cir. 2007) (NO. 06-1493)

In re The KOREA CHOSUN DAILY TIMES, INC., Debtor, 337 B.R. 773, (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 2005)

### PUBLICATIONS

Debtor Indemnification of a Financial Adviser for Its Negligence Is Reasonable, *New Jersey Law Journal*

Among Mr. Komrower's numerous published articles on bankruptcy topics are the chapter on "Bankruptcy" for West's *New Jersey Practice* series; "The Bankruptcy Reform Act: Increased Challenges for Single Asset Real Estate Cases" in the *Real Estate Finance Journal*; "Debtor Indemnification of a Financial Adviser for Its Negligence Is Reasonable", *New Jersey Law Journal*, and a host of other articles in the *New Jersey Law Journal*, the *Bergen Barrister* and other publications.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bankruptcy Institute, Member
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Debtor-Creditor Section
- Bergen County Bar Association, Past Chairman, Debtor-Creditor Section
- United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey, Approved Mediator
- Bankruptcy Inn of Court, Master
- District Fee Arbitration Committee, Panel Chairman