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Curriculum Vitae

GARY D. BRESSLER is Chair of the Firm's Bankruptcy Practice. Mr. Bressler graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1978, where he was on the Dean's List multiple times, and named to the Phi Sigma Alpha Honor's Society. He thereafter graduated from Villanova Law School in 1981, where he served on the Law Review, and was named to the Order of the Coif. After receiving his law degree, Gary served as a law clerk to Judge Jacob Kalish of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia before going into private practice.

Mr. Bressler is the Managing Partner of the Wilmington, Delaware Office. In addition, he currently splits his time between the Firm's Philadelphia and Wilmington offices. His areas of practice include business bankruptcy and insolvency. He has represented, among others, Secured Creditors, Equity Security Holders' Committees, Creditors' Committees, Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 Debtors, chapter 7 Trustees, surety bond companies, and buyers of assets out of bankruptcy.

Mr. Bressler is a member of the Delaware, New York, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations, the New Jersey State Bar Association, the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference and the American Bankruptcy Institute. He is also a member of the Turnaround Management Association, and the Delaware Inn of Court. Mr. Bressler currently serves on the Steering Committee and the Sponsorship Committee for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference and has served on various committees in the past including the Local Rules Committee and as Co-Chair of the Education Committee. He is the former Chair of the Pro Bono Committee and currently serves on this Committee, and the Past Chair of the Conference. He also served as the Secretary to the Committee for the Enhancement of the Bankruptcy Process. Mr. Bressler has lectured extensively, including sitting on an American Bar Association Bankruptcy Panel, held in conjunction with

the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and on multiple panels at the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference Annual Forums. Mr. Bressler has also been involved in multiple presentations for the Delaware Inn of Court. He has served in numerous leadership positions with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and was president of the University Television Alumni Association of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Bressler has served in various positions with the Philadelphia Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. He is also on the Class of 1978 Board at the University of Pennsylvania and also serves on the Interview Committee for applicants to the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bressler is admitted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third & Sixth Circuits, the United States District Court for the Eastern, Western, and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania, the State of New York, the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the State of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, the State of New Jersey, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, the State of Texas and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Awards

- In 2024, Lawdragon named Mr. Bressler one of the top 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#). (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- In 2021, 2022, and 2023, Lawdragon named Mr. Bressler one of the top 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#). (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Named in Chambers USA in the area of Bankruptcy/Restructuring Band 1 (2005-2024). A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rated (2024) - Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer rating standard. This is given to attorneys who are ranked at the highest level of professional excellence for their legal expertise, communication skills, and ethical standards by their peers. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#) (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Listed in Super Lawyers® (2005-2024), a Thomson Reuters business, in the areas of Bankruptcy, Business Litigation, and Health Care. He is ranked among the top five percent of attorneys practicing in the state and has also been selected by Super Lawyers as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Pennsylvania (2018) and in Philadelphia (2010, 2016, 2018). A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#). (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Listed in Best Lawyers® (2013-2025), a Woodward/White, Inc. business and partners with U.S. News & World Report, in the areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#). (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).

Industries

Corporate

Financial Institutions

Health Care Institutions

Insurance

Practices

Banking & Financial Services

Bankruptcy, Restructuring, Creditors' Rights

Corporate Transactions

Surety

Education

University of Pennsylvania (B.A. cum laude 1978)

Villanova University School of Law (J.D., cum laude 1981)

Admissions

State of Delaware

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Delaware

U.S. District Court, EDPA

U.S. District Court, MDPA

U.S. District Court, SDNY

State of New York

State of New Jersey

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court, EDNY

U.S. District Court, SDTX

U.S. District Court, WDPA

State of Texas

Memberships

Philadelphia Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

American Bar Association

Chambers & Partners

Delaware Bankruptcy American Inn of Court

New York State Bar Association

Delaware State Bar Association

Former Chair of the Pro Bono Committee for EDPA Bankruptcy Conference

New Jersey State Bar Association

Former Chair of the EDPA Bankruptcy Conference

Member of the Steering Committee for the EDPA Bankruptcy Conference