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EDUCATION

- ▶ St John's University
School of Law, (J.D., 1994)
- ▶ State University of New York at
Stony Brook (B.A., 1989)

PRACTICE AREAS

- ▶ Commercial Litigation
- ▶ Financial Services, Banking
& Bankruptcy

MICHAEL AMATO is a Partner at Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, where he is a member of the Financial Services, Banking & Bankruptcy Department, and Litigation Department.

Michael is a skilled bankruptcy attorney with considerable experience representing debtors, creditors, trustees and creditor committees in complex restructuring and reorganization matters. He focuses his practice on debtor and creditor rights, business reorganizations and bankruptcy litigation. Michael has advised clients in negotiating, structuring and drafting complex Chapter 11 plans and debtor-in-possession financing agreements. He regularly represents parties in interest in bankruptcy litigation, including complex fiduciary duty and fraud claims, actions to avoid preferential transfers and fraudulent conveyances, turnover proceedings and actions to recover assets.

Michael's litigation experience includes both jury and non-jury trials in federal and state courts. He has represented clients in numerous complex commercial matters, including shareholder valuation and dissolution actions, unfair competition and labor matters, including wage and hour claims.

Michael has extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution, and is an approved mediator in the United States Bankruptcy Court for both the Eastern and Southern District of New York.

Michael is an active member of the Suffolk County Bar Association and is currently Co-Chair of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Committee, as well as a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute.

LECTURES

- ▶ December 17, 2014, Capitalizing on Financial Opportunities—Speaker
- ▶ December 4, 2014, New York Sales and Use Tax—What Every Professional Should Know—Speaker
- ▶ November 13, 2014, Mortgage Foreclosures and Workouts—Speaker
- ▶ October 29, 2014, How to get Paid and What to do When you Don't – Speaker
- ▶ January 9, 2014, Section 363 Sales in Bankruptcy Cases; Financial, Ethical & Practical Issues – LI TMA – Moderator
- ▶ August 28 – 29, 2013, Northeast Regional Conference – TMA – Moderator
- ▶ May 14, 2013, A Primer on Foreclosure and Bankruptcy: What Every Solo Practitioner Needs To Know – Speaker
- ▶ February 27, 2013, Your Next Chapter 11 Case Should Be In The Eastern District of New York – LI TMA – Moderator
- ▶ December 11, 2012, Mortgage Foreclosures and Workouts, NYSBA – Speaker
- ▶ August 29 – 30, 2012, Disclosure Issues in Turnaround Situations, TMA – Speaker
- ▶ April 4, 2012, Moderator, Using Social Media as a Business Generating Tool, LI Turnaround Management Association
- ▶ January 31, 2012, Bankruptcy Ethics and Civility, Federal Bar Association
- ▶ November 1, 2011, Moderator, LI-TMA/Nassau County Bar Association Judiciary Night
- ▶ July 13, 2011, Understanding the Warning Signs of Bankruptcy, Esquire Bank
- ▶ May 9, 2011, Dealing with Residential Foreclosure, N.Y. State Bar Association
- ▶ April 18, 2011, Beyond No Comment; Communication Programs to Shape Positive Turnaround Outcomes
- ▶ April 14, 2010, Mediation, Financing and Professional Compensation in Chapter 11 Matters – Nassau Academy of Law – Speaker
- ▶ March 18, 2008, Guaranties in Business, Can't Live With Them, Can't Live Without Them
- ▶ September 10, 2007, Preferences and Reclamation – NY Institute of Credit – Speaker
- ▶ March 22, 2007, Bankruptcy Roundtable: A Practical Approach to Preferences, Reclamation and Administrative Claims
- ▶ January 10, 2006, Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Basics, State Bank of Long Island