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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

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy
- Employment
- Financial Services, Banking & Bankruptcy

Michael Amato is a Partner at Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, where he is the Chair of the Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy Practice Group, and a member of the 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 business reorganizations and restructurings, 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 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 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.

Publications

- Second Circuit Holds that Failure to Pay Interest on Unsecured Claim under Confirmed Plan does not Render Claim Impaired (Alerts, Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy)
- The Sears Saga Continues: The Second Circuit Affirms Bankruptcy Court's Use of Orderly Liquidation Value (Alerts, Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy)
- The Second Circuit Saves Citibank from \$500 Million Error and Clarifies What Constitutes Inquiry Notice in the Process (Alerts, Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy)
- Extraordinary Collection Efforts Result in \$3.5 Million Judgment in Preference Action (Alerts, Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy)
- Bankruptcy Judge Awards \$17 Million Dollars in Damages Against Lender (Alerts, Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy)
- Beware The Boilerplate: Court Enforces Third-Party Releases In Bankruptcy Plan Despite Failure To Comply With Notice Requirements
- Small Business Bankruptcy Alert: The Hotel that you Operate is Eligible to Reorganize as a Subchapter V Small Business Debtor (Alerts, Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy)
- Pennsylvania District Court Rules that the Automatic Stay does not Apply to Actions by the United States Department of Labor Under the Fair Labor Standards Act (Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy)
- Day Traders Provide Lifeline to Traditional Investors (Alerts, Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy)
- Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (PPP II) Potentially Important Changes to the Bankruptcy Code Impacting Commercial Parties (Alerts, Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy)
- SBA Publishes Additional Guidance and FAQ's on Eligibility for Paycheck Protection Program
- Part II-Restructuring and Bankruptcy Options to Save your Company from the Brink: Large Company Solutions for Small and Mid-Market Enterprises
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