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Stephanie Wickouski counsels clients on all aspects of bankruptcy, insolvency and commercial transactions, including bond defaults, trust indentures, business acquisitions, real estate, health care and financial fraud. With more than 30 years of experience handling complex reorganization cases throughout the country, she has served as lead bankruptcy counsel to indenture trustees in multiple high-profile cases.

Before joining the firm, Ms. Wickouski was vice chair of the corporate restructuring group and regional partner in charge of the New York office at another firm. Prior to entering private practice, she was a trial attorney with the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she received awards for her handling of litigation in airline bankruptcies. She is a panel mediator for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

Ms. Wickouski is the author of *Bankruptcy Crimes*, an authoritative resource on bankruptcy fraud, which is now in its third edition. She has a national reputation in health care insolvency and is a frequent lecturer, author and commentator on bankruptcy subjects. Ms. Wickouski taught creditors' rights at the Catholic University School of Law and served as a law clerk to the Hon. Roger M. Whelan, former U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Columbia.

Select Representations

- ▣ Counsel to indenture trustee in Chapter 11 cases of Bally Total Fitness, Inc., Northwest Airlines Corp., Anthracite Capital, and Magellan Health Services, Inc. (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.); United Airlines, Inc. (Bankr. N.D. Ill.); USGen New England (Bankr. D. Md.); and out of court resolution in HealthSouth
- ▣ Counsel to indenture trustee in Chapter 11 cases of R.H. Donnelly Inc. (Bankr. D. Del); Escada USA and Chemtura Corp. (Bankr. S.D.N.Y); and Lower Bucks Hospital (Bankr. E.D. Pa.)
- ▣ Counsel to indenture trustee in Chapter 11 cases of Hawaiian Telecom, Inc., Aventine Renewable Energy, Primus Corp., and HRP Myrtle Beach Holdings LLC (Bankr. D. Del.)
- ▣ Counsel to indenture trustee in Chapter 11 cases of Hayes Lemmerz (Bankr. D. Del.)
- ▣ Counsel to financial institution in Chapter 11 cases of General Motors Inc; and ION Media (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) and Smurfit-Stone Containers (Bankr. D. Del.)
- ▣ Counsel to several hedge funds in Chapter 11 case of Bayou Group (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.)
- ▣ Counsel to magazine creditors in Anderson News (Bankr.D.Del.)

Bar and Court Admissions

New York, 2000

District of Columbia, 1985

Maryland, 1986

Virginia, 1979

Education

University of New Hampshire, J.D., 1979

College of William and Mary, A.B., 1973

Publications

- ▣ *Bankruptcy Crimes*, Beard Books 2000; Third Edition 2007
- ▣ Blog - "Corporate Restructuring," <http://blogs.bankrupt.com>
- ▣ "Health Care Financing and Securitization After National Century," *ABI Journal*, Vol. XX11, No. 4, May 2003
- ▣ "Analysis & Perspective: Effect of Bankruptcy Reform Legislation on Health Care," *BNA's Bankruptcy Law Reporter*, Vol. 13, No. 12, March 12, 2001

Speeches and Seminars

- ▣ "Do Not Pass 'Go': Bankruptcy Crimes/Ethics," ABI's Fifth Annual Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop, Hershey, PA, August 2009
- ▣ "CLE Ethics Hour: Dealing with Ad Hoc Committees," Distressed Investing 2008, New York, NY, November 2008
- ▣ "Inter-debtor and Inter-creditor Issues: Inter-company claims; substantive consolidation; conflicts; settlement and dispute resolution techniques; and role of ad hoc committees," The Georgetown University Law Center for Bankruptcy 2007
- ▣ "CLE Ethics Hour: Maintaining Integrity and Transparency: What Ad Hoc Groups Will Have to Disclose: The Northwest Airlines Case," Tenth Annual Conference on Corporate Reorganizations, Chicago, IL, June 2007
- ▣ "Spreading the Gospel Internally: Building Your Reputation Among Your Colleagues," New Partner Forum, June 2006
- ▣ "The CLE Ethics Hour: Is Justice Blind in the Bankruptcy Court, or, is Venue Shopping and Venue Vending Corrupting the Process?" Twelfth Annual Conference on Distressed Investing, November 2005

Civic Involvement and Honors

- ▣ Board of Trustees, American Bankruptcy Institute, Views from the Bench, 2000
- ▣ Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York
- ▣ Trustee, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 1986-1996
- ▣ Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Branch, 1981-1985
- ▣ Law Clerk to the Honorable Roger M. Whelan, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., 1979-1981
- ▣ Named one of the 12 Outstanding Restructuring Lawyers in U.S. by *Turnarounds & Workouts*, 2006
- ▣ New York Super Lawyers, 2007-2013
- ▣ Best Lawyers in America, 2013-2015
- ▣ U.S. Department of Justice Special Achievement Awards, 1983, 1985