

Special Report

Outstanding Bankruptcy Judges – 2008

Judge	District	Comments
Hon. Robert D. Drain	Southern District of New York New York, NY	Has seen one of the largest industrial bankruptcies in U.S. history (Delphi) through to a confirmed plan of reorganization. Presided over the complex matter with integrity and in a succinct manner. At the same time, handled the Refco case among many other noteworthy names. An outstanding jurist.
Hon. Robert E. Gerber	Southern District of New York White Plains, NY	Has a razor-sharp legal mind and understands the implications of what his decisions are in the real world. Always prepared and on point, and has a great judicial demeanor. Very impressive in presiding over such bankruptcy cases as Levitz Furniture and Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center.
Hon. Allan L. Gropper	Southern District of New York New York, NY	Adeptly navigated a complex valuation trial in Granite Broadcasting, which pitted two aggressive hedge funds against each other. Very proactive, smart, and well prepared. Demonstrates a unique ability to see through issues and digest them appropriately. Also oversaw confirmation of Tower Automotive in sale to Cerberus affiliate.
Hon. Kevin Gross	District of Delaware Wilmington, DE	New to the bench, Judge Gross carries himself as if he were a seasoned veteran. Great demeanor, very fair, listens to all of the positions and renders good decisions based on law and fairness. A great addition to the Delaware bench.
Hon. Burton R. Lifland	Southern District of New York New York, NY	Seasoned veteran who knows when to use the velvet glove and when to use the iron fist. A dedicated, experienced, talented, and courteous jurist who has presided over some of the largest Chapter 11 cases, including Dana Corp. Always well prepared, gives prompt rulings, and guides all matters to an equitable resolution.
Hon. Raymond T. Lyons	District of New Jersey Trenton, NJ	A leading bankruptcy jurist in the Third Circuit. Oversaw Montgomery Ward contested plan case (the largest retail liquidation in U.S. history) and ABS Food Group. Judicial Co-Chair of the American Bankruptcy Institute, Mid Atlantic region.
Hon. Burton Perlman	Southern District of Ohio Cincinnati, OH	Really rose to the occasion on a difficult case where a serial litigant (innumerable appeals, writs of mandamus, and end runs outside bankruptcy court) was dragging the case into chaos. Kept the case moving forward, got a sale done, and saved the business and jobs.
Hon. Brendan L. Shannon	District of Delaware Wilmington, DE	Manages his courtroom and case docket efficiently. Rulings are well reasoned and correct on the law and facts. Recently appointed, he adeptly presided over InSight Health Services and Fedders Corporation.
Hon. Peter J. Walsh	District of Delaware Wilmington, DE	Continues to be an outstanding judge with a focus on the practical application of the law. Sensible, fair, and helpful in fostering settlements where possible. Continues to impress in presiding over some of the nation's major bankruptcy cases, including Mortgage Lenders Network, Tweeter Home Entertainment Group, and others.