

Mark G. Claypool

Mr. Claypool is a full-time member and Vice Chair of the Knox Law firm's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Group. His practice is concentrated in creditors' rights, bankruptcy and commercial litigation, and he is Board Certified in bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification. Mr. Claypool has lectured extensively on the subject of bankruptcy and creditors' rights to attorneys, businessmen and creditor groups.

EDUCATION

- Duke University School of Law, J.D.
With Honors
- The Pennsylvania State University, B.S.
With Distinction
Gold Key National Honor Society
Penn State Scholar's Program, Member

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Represented a nationwide bankruptcy notice provider in a matter of first impression wherein Knox Law obtained judicial blanket recognition of our client, in order to allow it to operate and serve clients in all Chapter 7 and 13 Bankruptcy filings in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania without obtaining separate court approval of its services in each individual case
- Represented the lender in a successful 22.7 million dollar foreclosure action (including the appointment of a receiver) in Erie County, involving a student housing apartment complex
- Represented plaintiff in the court-ordered appointment of a receiver and a successful \$19M foreclosure action relating to the Granada Apartment complex, consisting of 38 buildings and approximately 626 housing units. This was one of the largest foreclosure actions in northwestern Pennsylvania
- Regularly assists banks, credit unions and other financial institutions in loan workouts, collection actions, foreclosures, replevins, ejections, and all Bankruptcy matters
- Successfully counseled numerous Chapter 11 cases to confirmation
- Successfully represented individuals and sole proprietorships in complex Chapter 7, Chapter 12 and Chapter 13 proceedings

HONORS & RATINGS

- Included in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers®, 2011-2016, 2018-2020
- Included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2021
- Martindale-Hubbell DistinguishedSM
- Appointed Member of the Standing Local Rules Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Webinar: Looking Beyond COVID-19: Advantages and Disadvantages of Chapter 11 and the Workout Alternative, hosted by Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, May 2020
- Firm's Professional Advisor Symposium, October 2015 and 2016
- Adjunct Professor at Gannon University, teaching courses in Bankruptcy Law
- Allegheny County Bar Association Bankruptcy Symposium
- Erie County Bar Association Seminar



PRACTICE CONCENTRATIONS

- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights

FIRM INVOLVEMENT

- Shareholder

ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- Certified in Bankruptcy Law, American Board of Certification



PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Erie County, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations
- Bankruptcy Inn of Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, *Standing Local Rules Committee, Appointed Member*
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Erie County Bar Bankruptcy Committee, *Past Vice Chair*
- Commercial Law League of America