

William L. Rothschild

Curriculum Vitae

Practice Areas: Bankruptcy and commercial law, with expertise in real property law, avoidance law and business structures. Appellate work on bankruptcy and state law issues in federal and state courts. Extensive experience in chapter 11 cases and transfer avoidance litigation. Mediator.

Admitted: State and federal courts in Georgia, 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, United States Supreme Court.

Education:

- J.D., Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (1974).
- B.A., Yale College, New Haven, CT (cum laude) (economics) (1970).
- M.A.H.L., rabbinic ordination, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, OH (1980).

Member: State Bars of Georgia (1974), Ohio (1978). Atlanta Bar Association and Bankruptcy Section; Sandy Springs Barr Association; Central Conference of American Rabbis incl. its Budget & Finance Committee and Publications Committee, CCAR.

Honors: Martindale-Hubbell AV rating; Georgia's Top Lawyers 2010, 2013 Legal Elite, Georgia Trend Magazine; Leadership Atlanta Class of 1990.

Languages: Hebrew

Born: Atlanta, GA, 1948, attended public elementary schools, graduated high school from Westminster Schools (1966).

Recent Representations:

- Represent owners and operators of 3 Georgia nursing homes in acquiring the facilities from a bankruptcy estate, reopening and refinancing them.
- Biofuels supplier in acquisitions of biofuels plants in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Texas and Mississippi, including a confirmed Bankruptcy Chapter 11 plan in Georgia
- Owner of 300+ real properties, with 47 different lenders, culminating in confirmation of a consent Bankruptcy Chapter 11 plan.
- Represented the successful bidder of a group of luxury home/golf course developments in North and South Carolina.
- Rabbinical association in its incorporation and acquisition of IRC 501(c)(3) status (pro bono).

Representative Articles and Seminars:

- "How to Treat Constructive Trust Claims in Bankruptcy," American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, November 2016.
- "Ponzi Schemes: Why are they Obvious only in Hindsight?" Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, Seminar at sea, November, 2016.

- “How to Preserve Company Records for Admission at Trial: The Eleventh Circuit’s Decision in International Management Associates, LLC, ” American Bankruptcy Trustee Journal (formerly NABTalk) Summer 2015, Volume 31 Issue 2.
- “The Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(i) Motion: Cutting Through the Clutter of Boilerplate Defenses,” American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, May 2014
- “Bankruptcy-Proofing Your State Law Judgment: How Not to Try the Same Case Twice,” Calendar Call: General Practice and Trial Section State Bar of Georgia, Spring, 2012.
- “Poorly Noticed Sales, Late Filed Liens, and Other Reasons to Hate Bankruptcy Lawyers, ” delivered to 33d Annual Real Property Law Institute, Sandestin, FL, Real Property Law Section, State Bar of Georgia and Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, May, 2011.
- “Primer on Preferences: How to Cut your Client’s Losses When Life is Unfair, ” delivered to Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, Atlanta, GA, March 2011.
- “Noticing the Bankruptcy Sale: The Purchased Property May Not Be as ‘Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims and Encumbrances’ as You Think, ” with Allen P. Rosenfeld, Georgia Bar Journal, Feb. 2010, Vol. 15, No. 5.
- “How Not To Close A Bankruptcy Sale: The Curious Case of Palmetto v. Junger, ” NABTalk: Journal of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, Fall 2009, Vol. 25, Issue II.
- “A Guide to Georgia’s Fair Business Practices Act of 1975, ” 10 Georgia Law Review 910 (1976).