



Stacey L. Meisel, Esq.

Stacey Meisel, Esq. is a founding member of Becker Meisel LLC and co-chair of the firm's bankruptcy, insolvency and creditors' rights practice group. She represents privately-held corporations, Debtors, Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 Trustees, state court receivers and fiscal agents, secured and unsecured creditors, equity holders, and other interested parties in bankruptcy and state court proceedings in New Jersey, New York, Delaware, and other jurisdictions.

In 1997, she became a member on the New Jersey Panel of Bankruptcy Trustees appointed by the United States Department of Justice and is the first African-American woman to serve in this position in New Jersey. In her role as Trustee, she has conducted dozens of internal investigations into the propriety of acts of past management, officers and directors, and overseen financial audits of the books and records of numerous corporations for the purposes of tracing finances and investigating potential fraudulent or otherwise improper transfers of assets. Ms. Meisel has been instrumental in the sale and distribution of proceeds to creditors and shareholders of hundreds of millions of dollars of assets. She has been appointed as Trustee over private and public entities in the following industries: real estate; retail; manufacturing; professional services; technology; health care; food; and restaurant. In addition, she serves by judicial appointment as a Liquidating Trustee, Provisional Director and Receiver in state court proceedings.

In addition to her fiduciary roles and representations, Ms. Meisel has significant experience representing debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, landlords, purchasers and parties-in -interest in insolvency related cases.

In 2006, 2013, and 2014, Ms. Meisel served on the Merit Selection Committees responsible for recommending candidates to the Third Circuit for the New Jersey bankruptcy judgeship vacancies. In 2014, the United States Bankruptcy Court selected Ms. Meisel to serve as a panelist on the New Jersey Court Registry of Mediators. Ms. Meisel has served on the Lawyers Advisory Committee to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey since 2011 and continues to serve in this capacity. In 2013, Ms. Meisel was appointed as a Trustee to the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey.

Ms. Meisel often authors articles on complex and developing areas of bankruptcy and receivership law for the nation's leading bankruptcy publications and lectures on bankruptcy and receivership-related topics for the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education and other organizations.

She also serves on the ABI Advisory Board for the Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop and was chair of the 2011 Workshop Attendance Committee.

A strong believer in social responsibility, Ms. Meisel has volunteered for the Essex County Volunteer Lawyers for Justice since 2002, assisting low-income individuals with bankruptcy proceedings on a pro-bono basis. In 2004, Ms. Meisel helped launch the New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers Foundation (“NJBLF”), a privately-funded non-profit organization that offers financial assistance to those in genuine need, and serves on its board of trustees. In 2013, she chaired NJBLF’s 10th annual anniversary dinner. In 2013, Ms. Meisel was also the keynote speaker at the Montclair Kimberly Academy in Montclair, New Jersey, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; her topic was “Gender, Diversity and Social Justice.” Currently she serves as the Treasurer for the Board of Trustees for the Newark Boys Chorus School.

Ms. Meisel served on the Board of Directors of the Children's Home Society of New Jersey (“CHS of NJ”) from 2004 to 2010. CHS of NJ is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing children with secure, caring families, good health, and the ability to function well cognitively, emotionally and behaviorally. While serving on the board, Ms. Meisel served on both the nominating and advocacy committees, which gave her an opportunity to attend the Child Welfare League of America conference in Washington, D.C. wherein she and other delegates met with congressional leaders to advocate for the rights of children.

In 2005 and 2006, Ms. Meisel was asked to chair the CHS’s annual gala, its largest fundraiser. In addition, she created a new wine-tasting fundraiser in 2005, an event that she continued to chair until her departure from the board. In 2011, Ms. Meisel hosted a similar wine-tasting fundraiser to benefit the New Jersey Chapter of UNCF.

Publications

- Co-Author, “When Money and Time Run Short: Risks to Weigh Before Filing Chapter 11,” *Journal of Corporate Renewal*, September, 2012
- Co-Author, “Consumer Bankruptcy Manual” by West Publishing in 2008 – 2014

- Former Lead Editor, *American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) Third Circuit Decisions Update*
- Co-Author, “Decoding the Code: Why the Revisions to Section 546(c) Do Not Create a Federal Right to Reclamation for Sellers,” in the *Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice*, April, 2008
- Co-Author, “Sellers Cannot Reclaim Goods,” in *New Jersey Law Journal*, August 13, 2007
- Co-Author, “With Bated Breath: Do the Revisions to Section 546(c) Create a Federal Right of Reclamation?” in *ABI Journal*, April, 2007
- Co-Author, “BAPCPA Changes - A Federal Right of Reclamation?” in *New Jersey Lawyer*, December 4, 2006

Panels

- Panelist, “Alternatives to Bankruptcy,” March, 2013
- Panelist, American Bankruptcy Institute, 8th Annual Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop, “Ethics Panel: Candor, Conflicts (of Interest) and Collisions with Rule 9011 (Bad-Faith Filings)”, August, 2012
- Panelist, National Business Institute, “Bankruptcy Judicial and Trustee Forum”, April, 2012
- Panelist, National Business Institute, "Bankruptcy Forum: What Judges and Trustees Want You to Know," April, 2011
- Visiting Lecturer, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Role of The Chapter 11 Trustee, April 12, 2010
- Panelist, Blank Rome LLP, Emerging Issues For In-House Counsel: Directors and Officers Issues In Bankruptcy Litigation, October and November, 2009
- Panelist, American Bankruptcy Institute, 5th Annual Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop, “Clean-Up On Aisle 5: Retail Industry Reorganizations and Liquidations”, August, 2009
- Panelist, Lorman Seminar, “What to Do When Construction Projects Go Bad,” September, 2008
- Repeat Panelist, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education and New Jersey State Bar Association

Honors

- 2014 – 2010 “Best Lawyers in America” by *Best Lawyers* and peer-review*
- 2014 – 2011 “Top 50 Women Lawyers” by *New Jersey Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters, peer review)*

- 2014 – 2005 “New Jersey Super Lawyer” by *Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters, peer voting)*
- 2007 “July Volunteer of the Month” and 2003 “Volunteer of the Year” of the Essex County Volunteer Lawyers for Justice
- 2007 and 2004 “40 under 40” by *New Jersey Law Journal*
- 2006 “New Jersey’s Best 50 Women in Business” by *NJBIZ*
- 2005 “Forty under 40” by *NJBIZ*

Professional Associations

- Trustee, Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey
- Member, Lawyers Advisory Committee to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey
- Member, American Bankruptcy Institute
- Member, New Jersey State Bar Association; Bankruptcy Section
- Member, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees
- Member, New Jersey Association of Bankruptcy Trustees
- Member, Garden State Bar Association
- Member, Essex County Bar Association
- Member, Federal Bar Association
- Member, International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation
- Member, Historical Society of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

≈

*No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey