



RAYMOND T. LYONS (RET.)

United States Bankruptcy Judge, District of New Jersey

With more than a decade of judicial service, Judge Raymond T. Lyons brings a wealth of experience in financial restructuring and bankruptcy matters to NAM (National Arbitration and Mediation). While on the bench, he earned a reputation for helping parties settle a wide array of disputes in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey. He completed the first bankruptcy mediation training offered by the American Bankruptcy Institute at St. John's University School of Law and was an instructor in the inaugural training for mediators offered by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey. Judge Lyons was appointed to the Panel of Mediators for the Bankruptcy Courts in New Jersey, Delaware and the Western District of Pennsylvania, as well as the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

With the approval of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Lyons served as mediator for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. Among his most well-known and significant mediations is the Chapter 11 case filed by bank holding company Washington Mutual, Inc. following the largest bank failure in history. The mediation, which was covered by major news outlets across the country, led to a bankruptcy exit plan valued at \$7 billion and spawned mediation with additional groups of claimants. He was lauded in the official court transcript for his dedication and commitment to achieving a resolution that benefited all parties involved in the matter.

Notably, Judge Lyons presided over Zais Investment Grade Limited VII, an involuntary Chapter 11 case against a Cayman Islands entity that issued and invested in collateralize debt obligations. He served as visiting bankruptcy judge in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware where he presided over the Chapter 11 case of Montgomery Ward and the Chapter 11 case of Federal Mogul filed by more than 130 multinational companies with parallel insolvency proceedings in England involving billions of dollars in asbestos claims.

Prior to his appointment to the bench in 1999, Judge Lyons spearheaded the bankruptcy department of a major New Jersey law firm, primarily representing secured lenders and other creditors in corporate Chapter 11 cases. During the economic downturn and banking crisis of the late 1980s and early 1990s, he represented the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in bankruptcy matters and commercial litigation. He also represented a bank in a multi-day arbitration of a contract dispute that involved the servicing of a \$100 million portfolio of reverse mortgages. Judge Lyons has been credited with settling more than one hundred bankruptcy Chapter 11 cases as well as other adversary proceedings.

Judge Lyons has spoken before many industry and bar groups including the Third Circuit Judicial Conference, American Legal and Financial Network, Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference, Turnaround Management Association, National Business Institute, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Central New York Bankruptcy Bar Association, National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees and the Allegheny County Bar Association.

An active participant in bar activities, Judge Lyons is former chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association Pro Bono Services Committee. In 1999, he received the New Jersey State Bar Association's Legislative Services Award for his work in spearheading the passage of a law providing counsel to indigent children and parents in guardianship and parental rights proceedings.

In 1997, he was recognized by Legal Services of New Jersey with the Equal Justice Medal for his role as chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) Bankruptcy Law Section's Pro Bono Bankruptcy Committee.

Judge Lyons was also an adjunct professor at his alma mater, Seton Hall University School of Law, teaching courses on banking law and legal writing.

Raymond T. Lyons is available to arbitrate and mediate cases nationwide.

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- Accounting / Finance
- Attorney Fee / Malpractice
- Banking & Finance
- Bankruptcy / Insolvency / Debt Recovery /Financial Restructuring
- Taxation

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS (MEDIATIONS)

- An adversary proceeding for trade secret and trademark infringement with damages estimated at \$500 million.
- Chapter 11 plan negotiations between debtors operating apartment complexes in several states and a \$475 million secured claim.
- A contested \$1.4 million fee application.
- A \$13 million claim by members of certified class of mortgage borrowers for alleged violations of Missouri's Second Mortgage Act.
- Plan negotiations between debtors with commercial properties in several states and a \$160 million secured creditor.
- An objection to a \$4.1 million claim by an asset manager.
- A \$3 million fraudulent conveyance action against a debtor's former executives.
- A \$500 million construction contract and mechanics lien action.
- A \$5 million fire and theft property damage insurance claim.
- A \$10 million avoidance action by a liquidating trustee against a major supplier.
- A legal malpractice claims against a debtor's attorney for failure to schedule judgment creditors.
- Designated mediator for more than 100 preference cases in a retail Chapter 11 case.
- Copyright infringement claim.
- Predatory lending suit.
- Plan negotiations for a law firm Chapter 11 case.
- A retail pharmacy Chapter 11.
- WARN Act claims in a bankruptcy case.

LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- Speaker, *Mediation and Secured Creditors*, American Bankruptcy Institute, Winter Leadership Conference, 2016
- Speaker, *Advanced Bankruptcy Training for Mediators*, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education and U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, 2016
- Speaker, *Bankruptcy Mediation*, American Bankruptcy Institute, 2016
- Speaker, *Innovative Bankruptcy Mediation Program Goes Live: A Look at How This Presumptive Mediation Program is Working*, New Jersey Law Journal, 2015
- Speaker, *Strategies & Challenges for Building an ADR Practice*, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 2016
- Speaker, *Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution*, New Jersey State Bar Association, Bankruptcy Law Section, Bench-Bar Conference, 2016
- Speaker, *To Mediate or Not, That Is the Question*, American Bankruptcy Institute Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop, 2015
- Speaker, *Treatment of Secured Creditors in a Chapter 11 Plan from Filing through Confirmation*, New Jersey State Bar Association, Bankruptcy Law Section, Bench Bar Conference, 2015
- Speaker, *Pro Bono Service on a Board of a Not for Profit in Crisis*, American Bar Association, Business Law Section at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, 2014
- Speaker, *Bankruptcy Issues in Personal Injury Litigation and Matrimonial Cases*, Fox Rothschild LLP, 2014
- Speaker, *Mediation Panel, Turnaround Management Association*, Mid-Atlantic Regional, 2014 Symposium
- Speaker, *Bankruptcy for Non-Bankruptcy Attorneys*, Fox Rothschild LLP, 2014
- Speaker, *Bankruptcy Training for Mediators*, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education and U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, 2014
- Speaker, *Mediation in Chapter 11 Cases*, New York Institute of Credit and Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors, 2014
- Speaker, *Mediation*, American Bankruptcy Institute Annual Spring Meeting, 2013
- Speaker, *National Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges*, Federal Judicial Center, 2012
- Speaker, *Rule 2019 Issues*, American Bankruptcy Institute Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop, 2010
- Speaker, *Anything But Bankruptcy Revisited: Non-Bankruptcy Alternatives*, American Bankruptcy Institute Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop 2007
- Speaker, *Getting Even: Who Sues Whom?*, American Bankruptcy Institute New York City Bankruptcy Conference 2007
- Speaker, *The Swing of the Pendulum: Chapter 11 after BAPCPA*, American Bankruptcy Institute Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop, 2006
- Speaker, *Mass Torts*, American Bankruptcy Institute Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop, 2005

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Outstanding Bankruptcy Judge, Turnarounds & Workouts, 2007
- National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, Hon. Ralph E. Kelley Award, 2007
- Legislative Services Award by the New Jersey State Bar Association, 1999
- Equal Justice Award from Legal Services of New Jersey, 1997

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey, 1999 – 2013

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Counsel, Fox Rothschild LLP, 2013 – Present
- Partner, Connell Foley LLP, 1989 – 1999
- Partner, Schwartz, Tobia & Stanziale, 1982 - 1989

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey State Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges
- American Bankruptcy Institute
 - Mediation Committee
- New Jersey State Bar Association
 - Bankruptcy Law Section
 - Dispute Resolution Section (Trustee 2014-17)
- Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference
- Justice Marie L. Garibaldi ADR Inn of Court (Trustee 2015 -16)
- New York Institute of Credit
- Turnaround Management Association, New Jersey Chapter

EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law, LL.M., 1981
 - Taxation
- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., 1973
- Lehigh University, B.A., 1970