Jed Horwitt, Partner

Jed Horwitt is a partner at Zeisler & Zeisler, P.C. with over 30 years of experience in the area of bankruptcy and debtor/creditor rights. His practice focuses primarily on the representation of businesses in need of financial workouts or contemplating Chapter 11 reorganization, creditors committees in complex Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases and high net worth individuals who are seeking protection from their creditors.

Jed has represented main players in many complex and successful bankruptcy proceedings including Handy and Harman Refining Group, Inc., Adler Coleman Clearing Corporation, Derecktor Shipyards and the Cannondale Bicycle Company. He is currently the lead attorney representing the Chapter 7 Trustee in In re Michael S. Goldberg, a significant Ponzi Scheme bankruptcy case where he has overseen the prosecution of over 200 adversary proceedings. Jed was the liquidating trustee for In re Handy and Harman Refining Group, Inc. and In re Attleboro Refining Company, Inc., together one of the worlds largest precious metals refineries, where allowed unsecured claims were paid 100 percent.

Jed has also represented numerous creditors in litigation against the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) in the context of broker/dealer liquidations under the Securities Investor Protection Act. He is currently serving as the Court-appointed Receiver in Securities and Exchange Commission v. Mark J. Varacchi and Sentinel Growth Fund Management, LLC, a complex securities fraud-related ponzi scheme; and in Securities and Exchange Commission v. Iftikar Ahmed, et al.

In 2016, Jed accepted an invitation to become a James T. Cooper Lifetime Fellow. The Fellows is a collection of the State\'s most outstanding lawyers, judges and teachers who devote their time and talent to sponsoring programs that address matters concerning the legal profession, the administration of justice, and the rule of law in society.

Prior to coming to Connecticut, Jed practiced for two years in New York City at what is now known as KMZ-Rosenman, LLC. Following that, Jed practiced for two years at the New Haven based law firm of Wiggin & Dana until joining Zeisler & Zeisler in 1991.

Practice Areas

* Financial Workouts
* Bankruptcy Reorganization
* Commercial Litigation
* Debtors'/Creditors' Rights
* Securities Investor Protection Act Litigation

Publications & Presentations

* Contributing Editor, Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice 2d, Stockbroker Liquidation, 1993
* Lecturer, Public Investors' Arbitration Bar Association, 7th Annual Meeting, "Customer Protection Under SIPA-Aspirational Purpose v. Mean Spirited Application."

Professional Associations

* Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association
* American Bankruptcy Institute

* Connecticut Bar Association

* Commercial Litigation & Bankruptcy Section
* House of Delegates Representative (2014 - 2016)
* Past Chair, Commercial Litigation & Bankruptcy Section (1998-2000)

* Greater Bridgeport Bar Association

Special Honors

* AV® Preeminent Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review rated
* Included in The Best Lawyers of America®, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights (2006 - 2021); Litigation Bankruptcy (2011 - 2021)
* Named the Best Lawyers® Litigation - Bankruptcy "Lawyer of the Year," Stamford Metro Area (2014)
* Named the Best Lawyers Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency & Reorganization Law "Lawyer of the Year," Stamford Metro Area (2012)
* Selected, Connecticut Super Lawyers list, Creditor Debtor Rights (2008 - 2020)
* Selected Connecticut Super Lawyers list, Securities Litigation (2012 - 2013)
* James T. Cooper Lifetime Fellow

Admissions

* Connecticut (1987)
* New York (1988)
* United States District Court, Southern District of New York (1988)
* United States District Court, District of Connecticut (1990)

Education

* Cornell University J.D., cum laude, 1987
* Ithaca College B.S., cum laude, 1981