



## J. Logan Rappaport

### Partner

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During his nearly 20-year career, J. Logan Rappaport has developed a sophisticated, results-driven, and client-centered nationwide legal practice. He has extensive experience in all aspects of debtor-creditor affairs, including corporate debt workouts and restructurings, Chapter 11 reorganizations, asset liquidations in Chapter 7 and under state law, and receiverships. Logan represents asset-backed lenders—including national banks, alternative lenders, SBA 7(a) lenders, and community development financial institutions—equipment lessors, multiple panel Chapter 7 trustees, tax lien holders, national pension funds, landlords, debtors, global logistics, media, and other private entities both in and out of bankruptcy courts. Logan has developed significant skill in prosecuting and defending fraudulent conveyance, preferential transfer, breach of contract, replevin, breach of fiduciary duty, alter ego, usury, and nondischargability claims under the United States Bankruptcy Code and state law. He devotes a substantial portion of his practice to representing companies in the merchant cash advance industry and assists them in navigating the evolving legal landscape for alternative lending products.

Logan counsels clients on all aspects of corporate and financial restructurings, including debtor-in-possession financing arrangements, cash collateral use, adequate protection and automatic stay issues, clawback claims, claim objections, strategies for negotiating and obtaining optimal treatment in reorganizing plans, and asset sales. He is also an exceptional litigator with experience in state, federal, and bankruptcy courts across the country. While Logan is adept at negotiating and resolving disputes in a cost-effective manner, he does not shrink from a fight and relishes advocating for his clients in formal, adversarial settings. Regardless of the setting, he utilizes his broad knowledge and holistic approach to determine how best to meet his clients' needs and how to extract the most possible value at as little a cost as possible for them as they confront financial distress, whether in their own rights or in third parties with which they do business.

## Professional Affiliations

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Equipment Leasing and Finance Association
- Nassau County Bar Association
- Turnaround Management Association

## Practices

Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Workouts  
Commercial Litigation  
Consumer Financial Services

## Industries

Banking & Finance

## Education

J.D., Fordham University  
School of Law, 2006

B.A., George Washington  
University, 2002

- Presidential Academic Merit Scholarship

## Admissions

New York

U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Second Circuit

U.S. District Court for the  
Eastern, Northern, Southern,  
and Western Districts of New  
York



## Honors & Awards

- Fordham University School of Law
  - *Fordham Law School Environmental Law Review*, Notes & Articles Editor

## Representative Matters

- Secured dismissal of all claims in a multimillion-dollar fraud and usury lawsuit in New York while representing an alternative lender.
- Achieved favorable settlement after mediation in a multimillion-dollar fraudulent conveyance suit in Texas Bankruptcy Court on behalf of a merchant cash advance company.
- Obtained successful confirmation of both restructuring and liquidating Chapter 11 plans for an ophthalmic lens manufacturer and several Pearle Vision franchises.
- Recovered damages, collateral, and adequate protection payments for the equipment finance and leasing division of a major national bank in bankruptcy and civil litigation nationwide.
- Prevailed in a nondischargeability action on behalf of a national union pension fund in a case involving complex ERISA and New York Lien Law issues.
- Defeated motion to dismiss and secured a favorable settlement in a \$15 million Ponzi scheme clawback action brought by a Chapter 7 trustee.
- Negotiated elimination of over \$2 million in unsecured debt for a New York-based advertising firm.
- Protected client interests in multiple Chapter 11 cases representing Condé Nast and its affiliates.
- Obtained administrative priority and prompt payment for the former Chief Technology Officer of Gawker Media through strategic negotiation in bankruptcy proceedings.
- Pursued and favorably resolved breach of contract litigation in federal and state court against a major sports apparel brand on behalf of an advertising company.
- Litigated and settled a \$15 million fraudulent conveyance claim arising from the leveraged acquisition of a toy importer, representing a Chapter 7 trustee.
- Advised and represented global logistics and shipping companies in high-profile Chapter 11 cases, including Sears, Firestar Diamond, and Thrasio, a major Amazon aggregator.
- Preserved a pro bono client's family home in a fraudulent transfer action, resulting in a favorable published decision and safeguarding long-term housing stability.

## Presentations

Logan has lectured on bankruptcy topics at the Nassau County Bar Association, including the confluence of personal injury and bankruptcy law.

## Personal

Logan enjoys international travel, camping, taking advantage of New York City's trove of repertory cinemas, the New York Mets, and trying to visit all 30 major league ballparks with his son.

## Community/Civic Activities

Logan is a proud supporter of various charitable causes and independent journalism.