

Biographical Information - Dorothy Eisenberg

Dorothy Eisenberg is a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York. At the time of her appointment in 1989, she was in private law practice.

Judge Eisenberg earned her LL.B. degree from Brooklyn Law School in 1950, and began her legal career immediately thereafter at the New York firm of Otterbourg, Steindler, Houston & Rosen. In 1970 she became an associate at the Mineola firm of Goldman, Horowitz & Chernow. She was a solo legal practitioner for four months in 1981, after which she joined the firm of Shaw, Licita, Eisenberg, Esernio & Schwartz, P.C., where she remained until her appointment to the bench. During that time, she served on the New York Character & Fitness Committee. She was a Trustee in bankruptcy cases for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York for many years prior to taking the bench.

Judge Eisenberg is a member and former president of the Nassau Division of the Womens Bar Association of New York; member and former president of the Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court; Fellow, American Bar Foundation; member of the ABA, Bar Association of Nassau County, American Bankruptcy Institute; and member of the Advisory Committee of the New York State and Federal Judicial Council.

BIOGRAPHY

Bernard S. Mark is a partner in the Great Neck, New York law firm of Kestenbaum & Mark emphasizing Federal and State civil and criminal tax litigation and tax and estate planning.

Bernard S. Mark holds an LLM in Tax from NYU, and was a former Senior Trial Attorney with the Chief Counsel's Office, Internal Revenue Service (1975 – 1981). He speaks often on various tax issues before the NYS Bar Association; the NCCPAP Tax Practitioner's Symposium; UJA Annual Estate Tax Conferences; and NYS CPA Conferences; and has published extensively in numerous tax periodicals. Bernard Mark was selected as a New York Super Lawyer in 2009.

JASPREET S. MAYALL

Since 1991, Jaspreet S. Mayall has practiced law at the firm of Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP. A Partner in the Debtor/Creditor Rights and Bankruptcy Group, he acts as counsel to trustees, debtors, secured and unsecured creditors. Mr. Mayall has significant experience in Trials and Appeals before New York's State and Federal Courts and has expanded his practice over the years to include a unique concentration in the telecommunications industry. In his growing niche practice, Mr. Mayall provides daily counsel to many master wholesalers and retailers of wireless products and services, handling their agreements and negotiations with their wireless providers.

**Robert L. Pryor, Esq.
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Robert L. Pryor is a partner and founder of the Westbury New York law firm of Pryor & Mandelup, LP. He was admitted to the New York bar and to the U.S. District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York in 1982. He received his B.A., magna cum laude, from Hobart College (Phi Beta Kappa) in 1975, and his J.D. from Hofstra University in 1981. He served as Law Clerk to the Honorable C. Albert Parente, Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of New York from 1983-1984.

Mr. Pryor has lectured extensively for various organizations including Nassau Academy of Law, Internal Revenue Service Accountants Continuing Education Program, New York Institute of Technology, Office of the United States Trustee, New York State Bar Association, and NCCPAP in connection with its Nassau District Attorney Lecturer Program, and the Commercial Industrial Brokerage Society tax symposia. Most recently he has participated in and chaired panels dealing with the recent changes in bankruptcy law under BAPCPA of 2005. He has served as Deputy City Attorney for the City of Glen Cove and has served as a member of the Lloyd Harbor Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Pryor has served as a member of the Eastern District of New York Local Rules (Bankruptcy) Sub-Committee. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Nassau County Bar Association, where he served as Chairman of the Bankruptcy Committee from 1994-1995, and its Vice Chairman from 1993-1994.

Mr. Pryor has served as a member of the Panel of Chapter 7 Trustees, for the Eastern District of New York since 1984. As a panel trustee Mr. Pryor has been responsible in administering thousands of Chapter 7 bankruptcy estates; and has served as operating trustee where the situation so warrants. During his tenure as trustee Mr. Pryor has been responsible to liquidate a wide variety of businesses ranging from hospitals to dry cleaning establishments, restaurants to internet booksellers, knitting mills to importers and technology companies.

Mr. Pryor has published articles on various bankruptcy topics, which articles have most recently appeared in the New York Law Journal and the Nassau Lawyer.

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Craig D. Robins, Esq., has been a practicing attorney for twenty-five years. During most of this time, he has devoted his practice almost exclusively to bankruptcy and debt-related matters. Mr. Robins has had experience in thousands of bankruptcy cases which has included representing both consumers in Chapter 7 and 13 cases, and businesses in Chapter 11 cases.

Craig D. Robins, Esq. received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University in 1981. He studied law in London, England from 1982 to 1983 through the Notre Dame Law School Concannon Program in International Law. He received a Juris Doctorate from Western New England Law School in 1984. He was admitted to the Massachusetts and New York Bars in 1985 and the Florida Bar in 1987. He is also admitted to practice in various Federal District Courts, the United States Tax Court, and the United States Claims Court. Mr. Robins briefly interned as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Richard Wallach, Supreme Court Judge (New York, First Department).

Martindale-Hubbell, the nationally recognized service that rates attorneys by peer review, has rated Mr. Robins "high to very high."

Mr. Robins has written extensively on bankruptcy law and has authored over 100 published articles on a variety of topics including bankruptcy law and procedure, bankruptcy legislation, bankruptcy practice, and the interaction of bankruptcy law on personal injury cases and matrimonial rights.

He continues to be a regular columnist on bankruptcy law for the *Suffolk Lawyer* where he has written for over 18 years, and frequently writes articles for the *Nassau Lawyer* and *Attorney of Nassau*.

Mr. Robins is recognized as an authority on bankruptcy law and practice and is often sought out by the media. He has lectured on bankruptcy law for the Nassau County Bar Association and has discussed bankruptcy law on radio and television talk shows and news programs.

He has been interviewed on News 12 several times and has been interviewed and quoted in *Newsday* and the *New York Law Journal* about twenty times. Since 1991, he has also been actively involved in giving presentations on bankruptcy law to attorneys and Federal and State Court Judges through the Theodore Roosevelt Chapter of the American Inns of Court, of which he is a member and

also sits on its executive board. As Chairman of that organization's annual banquet, he has hosted dinners honoring United States Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr., and New York's highest judge, Judith S. Kay, Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals.

In addition, Mr. Robins is active in the Bankruptcy Committees of both the Nassau and Suffolk Bar Associations, and is on the Mentor Program of the Suffolk County Bar Association where he is called upon to provide assistance on bankruptcy law to younger members of the Bar.

He is a long-time member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys.

Mr. Robins is a founding co-chairman of the Nassau County Bar Association's Pro-Bono Bankruptcy Committee. He holds the distinction of having represented more pro bono debtors than any other attorney on Long Island. The Nassau County Bar Association awarded Mr. Robins a Presidential Recognition Award for his dedication in representing pro-bono consumer debtors in bankruptcy proceedings. Mr. Robins was recognized by the Volunteer Lawyers Project for his pro-bono work when he was named Pro-Bono Attorney of the Month twice. *Newsday* honored Mr. Robins by naming him in its "Winners" column for his dedication to community work.

Mr. Robins has represented a wide and diverse range of debtors in bankruptcy

proceedings. In addition to representing numerous typical Long Islanders, he has represented a former New York Yankees baseball player, dozens of professionals including attorneys, doctors, dentists and C.P.A.'s and a variety of business entities ranging from a professional sports franchise to multi-million dollar companies to mom-and-pop storefronts.

When not practicing law, Mr. Robins enjoys bicycle riding. He has been a competitive bicycle racer for over thirty years and has won numerous races. He is also an avid photographer known for his avante garde style. His images, which have won numerous awards, have appeared in museums and galleries, and have been published in *The New York Times* and *Newsday*, and on several magazine covers. He lives in Suffolk County with his wife and son.

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Andrew M. Thaler, Esq.

Mr. Thaler is a founding partner of the Westbury, N.Y. Law Firm of Thaler & Gertler, LLP. He has been a Panel Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee in the Eastern District of New York since 1990.

Mr. Thaler graduated Magna Cum Laude from the State University of New York at Albany in 1979. He attended Buffalo Law School and received his law degree in 1983. Mr. Thaler was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1984 and is admitted to practice in the Courts of the State of New York, United States District Court for the Eastern District and Southern District Court of New York. He is also admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Thaler has handled Bankruptcy and Insolvency matters since his admission to the Bar. He has represented both Creditors and Debtors in Chapter 7, 11 and 13 cases, and all aspects of bankruptcy including fraudulent conveyance and preference actions, motions to vacate the automatic stay, objections to discharge, negotiations, claims objections and related contested matters. He is a member of various legal organizations, including the Nassau County Bar Association, Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, Commercial Law League of America, Nassau Lawyers Association of Long Island, Inc., American Bankruptcy Institute, International Network of Boutique Law Firms; Association of Boutique Law Firms, Inc. and Attorney Roundtable.

Mr. Thaler was the chairman of the Bankruptcy Law Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association from 1990-1992 and continues to serve as an active member in good standing. He has lectured on bankruptcy matters for numerous organizations including The New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (Nassau Chapter), First American Title Insurance Company of New York, St. John's University Metropolitan College Tax Institute, the Nassau Academy of Law (the educational arm of the Nassau County Bar Association), Sterling

Educational Services, Interchange Credit Association, Lorman Education Services, Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court; and National Business Institute on Bankruptcy related topics. He has written articles and appeared on multiple occasions as a cable television and radio talk show guest on bankruptcy matters.

Mr. Thaler helped organize and continues to serve on the Pro Bono Panel at the Nassau County Bar Association. Mr. Thaler was awarded the Honor of Pro Bono Attorney of the year in 1991 by the Nassau County Bar Association. In May 2002 he was recognized by the Nassau County Bar Association for Pro Bono Service to the Community through the Volunteer Lawyers Project. He was a Co-Recipient of Nassau Suffolk Law Services Partner's In Justice Award (2003) for pro bono work.

He formerly served as a liaison and counsel to the Nassau Academy of Law. He later served as Dean of the Nassau Academy of Law in 2001-2002. In 2002 he was elected and served a 3 year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Nassau County Bar Association. He is a board member and has served as CLE Director and Co-Program Chair of the Theodore Roosevelt American Inns of Court and is presently President Elect for 2010-2011. He currently serves or has served as a Chair of the Nassau County Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (2008-present) member of the Real Estate and Development (2002 -), Grievance (2002 -) and Nominating Committees (2005-2006). He has also served as a member of the Nassau County Bar Association's Finance, By-Laws, Long Range Planning, and Pro Bono Committees.

Mr Thaler serves as a Neutral/Mediator and has been appointed to the Mediation Register - US Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District - 2004- present and the Mediation Panel - Commercial Division of Nassau County Supreme Court - 2003-present.

Mr. Thaler has been assigned Martindale Hubbell's highest "AV" rating.

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EDUCATION

Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, N.Y.
J.D. anticipated, May 2011

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.
Paralegal Certificate, September 2005

George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
B.A. Political Science, May 2005

ACADEMIC HONORS & MEMBERSHIPS

Journal of International Business & Law (Junior Member), Moot Court Board (Casebook Editor & Competitor), Hofstra University Honors Scholarship, Student Bar Association (Senator), Theodore Roosevelt Inns of Court (Student Member), Thompson Reuters Westlaw Student Representative.

EXPERIENCE

Tiefenbacher, Heidelberg, Germany
Summer Associate, Summer 2009

Researched and drafted memos in German for the Senior Partner of the International Division. Focused on the impact of recent European Union recommendations on liability laws in international subcontracting and manufacturing.

Clark Construction Group, LLC, Bethesda, M.D.
Special Projects Manager, October 2007 – August 2008

Designed and operated a claims-management database of over one hundred active claims, arbitrations, and litigations. Reviewed commercial contracts with real estate developers, subcontractors, and the Army Corps of Engineers. Chaired a working group to create an ethics-training course for construction workers in compliance with new Federal Acquisition Regulations.

American Red Cross, Washington, D.C.
Investigative Analyst, October 2005 – October 2007

Investigated fraud allegations for the Hurricane Katrina Investigations Unit, preparing hundreds of potential criminal cases for the Department of Justice Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force. Assisted U.S. Attorneys in developing several high-profile cases resulting in over eighty convictions in U.S. District Courts nationwide. Received and complied with all federal subpoenas. Work cited as exemplary by officials at the Department of Justice, the F.B.I., and the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force. Rated "Exceeds Expectations" in every quarterly employee evaluation.

Senator Thomas A. Daschle, Senate Majority Leader's Office, Washington, D.C.
Intern, January 2004 – May 2004

Transcribed Senate hearings about military contractor cost overruns in Iraq and Afghanistan. Provided administrative assistance and led Capitol Hill tours.

Matthew Amon is a second year law student at the Hofstra Law School. He is an honors student there with membership on both the Moot Court Board and the Journal of International Business & Law. Originally from Yankton, SD he attended the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and then Georgetown University. He met his fiancée, Carolyn Avery in Washington and they are due to get married in Krakow, Poland this year. They currently live in Port Washington.

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Education

Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, NY

Juris Doctor expected May 2011

Honors: 2009 New York City Bar Association Diversity Fellowship Recipient

Certifications: Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation 40-hour Mediation Skills Training with Parenting Plan Mediation Specialty January 2010

Activities: **Latino/a Law Student Association**, *Vice – President 2009-2010*

Phi Alpha Delta (Kennedy Chapter), *Member*

John Jay College, City University of New York, New York, NY

Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*, Legal Studies, June 2006

Experience

New York County District Attorney's Office, New York, NY

Summer Intern- Appeals Bureau, June 2009 - August 2009

Conducted extensive legal research and drafted reply briefs in response to defendants' excessive sentencing and invalid waiver of appeal appellate claims. Performed legal research and drafted legal memoranda regarding appeal issues as requested.

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP, New York, NY

Legal Secretary, May 2004 – July 2008

Reviewed and analyzed correspondence and pleadings. Made revisions to documents on computer system using various document formatting styles and features including the creation and editing of TOAs and TOCs. Coordinated travel arrangements and maintained calendar for attorneys. Coordinated with the billing department to produce accurate invoices for clients in a timely manner. Organized and maintained case files. Produced and submitted expense reports for reimbursement.

The Law Offices of George Sheinberg, Brooklyn, NY

Intern, September 2003 – December 2003

Conducted legal research. Filed various documents with courts and other administrative offices.

Screened and directed visitors and callers to their prospective parties. Summarized current cases in preparation for court proceedings. Accompanied attorney to court proceedings.

Fifth Avenue Committee, Brooklyn, NY

Receptionist/Administrative Assistant, February 2002 – August 2003

Screened and directed visitors/callers to their prospective parties; answered inquiries. Established and maintained working relationships with vendors. Assisted staff members in the scheduling and organizing of internal meetings. Performed administrative functions.

The Law Offices of Jonathan B. Nelson, New York, NY

Legal Assistant, February 2001 – June 2001

Obtained, thoroughly investigated and verified all client medical records. Drafted legal documents.

Interviewed and surveyed prospective clients. Coordinated business appointments and maintained all events on firm calendar. Updated and maintained company database with all client files, bills, records and outcomes of judgments.

Judge Richard Lee Price, Bronx Supreme Court, Bronx, NY

Intern, February 2000 – June 2000

Organized and maintained court calendar schedules. Located and retrieved files and legal documents upon request of supervisor and fellow staff. Filed materials into storage and updated all legal and non-legal documents.

Professional Activities

Long Island Hispanic Bar Association, Student Member 2008 – Present

Puerto Rican Bar Association, Student Member 2009 – Present

Community Activities

Voices In Power New York, Inc., Co-founder of youth organization geared towards youth mentoring. Director of *Inspira*, the mentoring program.

Language Skills

Fluent in Spanish

Emily Harper
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Education

Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, NY

Juris Doctor anticipated, May, 2011

G.P.A.: 3.71 **Class Rank:** 19/286 (Top 7%)

Honors: Merit Scholarship, Dean's List, Dean's Scholar Program, *Hofstra Law Review*, *Staff*

Activities: Sports and Entertainment Law Society, Hofstra Law Women, Inns of Court

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Bachelor of Arts in English, minor in French, May 2008

G.P.A.: 3.53

Honors: Dean's List (all semesters)
Outstanding Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year, 2005
Outstanding Leadership Award, 2007
Outstanding Senior Award, 2008
All-Conference New England Fencing Conference, 2005
Rookie of the Year, 2005
Certificates of Academic Achievement, 2005 - 2008

Activities: Division I Varsity Fencing, Team Captain for two years
Ukrainian Club, Appalachia Volunteers, Welcome Wagon, American Red Cross Club, Ski & Snowboard Club

Boston College Summer Study Abroad Program, Paris, France

May - June 2007

Experience

Honorable Timothy S. Driscoll, Nassau County Supreme Court, Mineola, NY

Judicial Intern, Summer 2009

Observed hearings, trials, and conferences. Drafted opinions. Performed legal research on commercial and matrimonial issues.

Perlman Music Program, Shelter Island Heights, NY

Office Assistant, Water Safety Instructor, and Lifeguard, 2004 - 2008

Presided over the beach and its surrounding area as the camp's primary lifeguard. Worked directly with Executive Director of Administration.

Town of Southold Recreation, Southold, NY

Water Safety Instructor, 2004 - 2008

Instructed approximately 300 children each summer. Adapted to children's needs by planning and providing comprehensive lessons. Trained and assessed novice swimming instructors.

Languages

Proficient in French, Studied Latin

Interests

Music, Skiing, Boating, Running, Travel, Comedy, Theatre