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Josef (Joe) Mintz is an experienced and versatile business bankruptcy and restructuring attorney. He represents a diverse range of parties including creditors, debtors, trustees, lessors, and asset purchasers in matters including:

- Chapter 7 and 11 cases
- Bankruptcy litigation including preference and fraudulent transfer claims
- Chapter 15 and related international insolvency matters
- Restructuring and out-of-court workouts
- Asset sales
- Commercial financing and secured transactions

Chambers USA has ranked Joe as “Up and Coming” in the field of bankruptcy and restructuring law. *Chambers* noted he is “developing a fine reputation for his work in corporate restructuring and asset-based financing, among other issues.” Sources have given particular praise for his “responsiveness and understanding of the overall picture, even when dealing with very complex matters” and noted that he is “a really good lawyer, he’s personable and bright.”

While in law school, Joe was the production editor for the *Rutgers Law Journal*. He served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Jean K. FitzSimon, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and as an intern to the Honorable John J. Hughes, U.S. Magistrate Judge of the District of New Jersey.

Prior to attending law school, Joe held positions as an antitrust legal assistant and an electronic discovery specialist for a large, international law firm.

Outside The Firm

Joe lives in West Philadelphia with his wife and two children. He is a lifelong Phillies fan and enjoys live music, running, and biking.

Select Engagements

- Welded Construction, as counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors and Plan Administrator in the Chapter 11 of a large domestic, mainline pipeline construction contractor with over one billion dollars in pre-petition revenue.
- Borden Dairy Company, as counsel to the agent and first-out lender in \$295 million unitranche facility to the second largest dairy processor and distributor in the United States.
- DC Solar, as counsel to institutional investor and victim of a \$800 billion Ponzi scheme involving solar tax credits, and its subsequent bankruptcy case and related litigation.
- Cashman Equipment Corporation, as counsel to largest senior secured lender and post-petition collateral agent for large lender group in respect of at least \$142 million of senior secured claims in international barge company Chapter 11.
- Performance Sports Group, as counsel to creditors' committee of international manufacturer and supplier of sporting goods under well-known brands, including Bauer and Easton.
- Energy Coal S.p.A, as counsel to foreign representative of Italian coal product wholesaler in the first Chapter 15 case in the United States relating to the recently amended, reorganization-optimizing concordato preventivo process under the Italian Insolvency Law.
- Counsel to a defendant in a multimillion dollar bankruptcy litigation involving claims for substantive consolidation, preference, fraudulent transfer, and breach of contract.
- ProNerve Holdings, as counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of an intraoperative neurophysiologic monitoring ("IOM") provider.
- MSD Performance, as counsel to the creditors' committee of a manufacturer of ignition, engine management, and data acquisitions products.
- Reichhold, Inc., as co-counsel to the creditors' committee of a global manufacturer of coatings and resins.
- Woodcrest Country Club, as counsel to a Chapter 11 trustee in a golf course reorganization.
- ETFF Corporation (f/k/a Pennfield Corporation), as counsel to the creditors' committee of a grain business and transportation affiliate.
- Philadelphia Rittenhouse Developer, as counsel to a first lien lender in a single asset real estate bankruptcy.
- PFF Bancorp, as counsel to the creditors' committee and liquidating trustee of a bank holding company.
- Mortgage Lenders Network USA., as counsel to the creditors' committee and the liquidating trustee of a subprime mortgage lender.
- Lower Bucks Hospital, as counsel to the creditors' committee of a hospital and subsidiaries.
- Nova Biosource Fuels, as debtors' counsel to a biodiesel refining business.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- Delaware

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Delaware Bankruptcy American Inn of Court
- Turnaround Management Association

Education

- Vassar College, BA
- Rutgers University School of Law, Camden, JD, magna cum laude

Recognitions

- Bankruptcy/Restructuring Law, listed in *Chambers USA*
- 2017–2018, “Pennsylvania Rising Star” in Bankruptcy, listed in *Super Lawyers®*

Professional Activities

Joe serves as Chair of the board of directors for the Philadelphia/Wilmington Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association (“TMA”) and Vice Chair of the Chapter Presidents’ Council of TMA Global, where he serves as Vice President, Membership, on the TMA Global Executive Board. Joe also serves on the steering committee of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference and is a barrister of the Delaware Bankruptcy Inns of Court. He also actively volunteers for Compass Philadelphia, a provider of pro bono consulting services whose work benefits the Greater Philadelphia community.