

## PROFESSIONAL RÉSUMÉ



LEVENE, NEALE, BENDER, YOO & GOLUBCHIK L.L.P.  
LAW OFFICES

### EDUCATION

University of Maryland (B.A., 1971)  
University of Maryland School of Law (J.D., with Honors, 1974)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland, 1974, California, 1976  
U.S. District Court, 1976  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1978  
U.S. Supreme Court, 1980

**GARY E. KLAUSNER** joined LNBYG as a senior partner in May 2014, from a senior shareholder position at Stutman, Treister & Glatt P.C. Mr. Klausner has exclusively practiced in the field of corporate restructuring and bankruptcy since 1976.

Mr. Klausner represents Chapter 11 debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees, trustees and receivers, licensors and franchisors, purchasers of assets out of bankruptcy cases and parties involved in litigation and appeals in connection with bankruptcy cases. He has handled cases involving a broad range of businesses and industries including manufacturing, retail, real estate development, hospitality and restaurants, aerospace, entertainment, healthcare, financial institutions, and transportation.

Mr. Klausner also has expertise in Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code, which is designed for the reorganization of municipalities. Mr. Klausner was the lead lawyer in the Chapter 9 case of Valley Health System in which he successfully confirmed a Chapter 9 Plan of Adjustment.

Mr. Klausner's significant engagements as debtor's counsel include: Meruelo Maddux Properties, Inc. (Special Reorganization Counsel); Imperial Capital Bancorp, Inc.; Colorep, Inc., International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501, Mr. Gasket Co.; Prism Entertainment Corporation; Packaging Corporation of America; Super Shops, Inc.; Cannon Pictures; Maguire Thomas Partners, Fifth & Grand, Ltd.; ABC International Traders, Inc.; Maxicare and Watts Health Foundation, Inc., dba UHP Healthcare.



### Honors and Recognitions

Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy, 2010  
Century City Bar Association: Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year, 2012  
Selected, Super Lawyers (Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights) 2004–12  
Selected, Southern California's Best Lawyers in America, 2011–12

### Publications/Press

"Section 1111(b) " Look Before You Leap," 2 *Bankruptcy Study Group Journal* 15 (1986)  
"Chapter 11 'The Bank of Last Resort,'" *The Business Lawyer*, November, 1989; Vol. 45, No. 1  
"The New Bankruptcy Rules," 4 *Bankruptcy Study Group Journal* 64 (1987).

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Mr. Klausner has represented creditors' committees in cases such as Rhythm & Hues, Inc., Nasty Gal, Inc., Consolidated Freightways, New Meatco, Westward Ho Markets, Naki Electronics, Prime Matrix, The Movie Group, American Restaurant Group ("Black Angus"), and Solidus Networks, Inc.

Mr. Klausner has also represented principals involved in significant chapter 11 cases, such as Relativity Media Inc., The Weinstein Company, EZ Lube; Rachel Ashwell Design, Inc. ("Shabby Chic"); and Comic Book Movies LLC.

In addition to client matters, Mr. Klausner has been actively involved and has held prominent positions in local and national professional organizations and bar associations. Mr. Klausner is a member of the Board of Governors of the Financial Lawyers Conference and served as its president from 1993 through 1994. He is a board member of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum (serving as its president in 2003–2004), a member of the American Bar Association, Section on Business Law, where he chaired a task force on The Economics of Chapter 11 Practice, chaired the Subcommittee on Bankruptcy Fraud, Crimes and Abuse of the Bankruptcy Process, and chaired the Chapter 9 and Chapter 11 Subcommittees. He is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, where he has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section as well as being Vice-Chair of the Section's Bankruptcy Committee.

In 2010, Mr. Klausner was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, and in 2012, Mr. Klausner was recognized as "Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year" by the Century City Bar Association.

Mr. Klausner has also served as a Lawyer Representative to The Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and chaired the United States District Court Standing Committee On Attorney Discipline.

Mr. Klausner speaks frequently on subjects involving bankruptcy and commercial law and has published numerous articles on bankruptcy-related topics.

**Speaking Engagements**

Panelist, "Bank Holding Company Bankruptcies," ABI Battleground West, 2012

Panelist, "Municipal Bankruptcies," ABI Battleground West, 2011

Panelist, "Municipal Bankruptcies," ABA Fall Meeting Business Law Section, 2010

**KEY REPRESENTATIONS**

**Debtor Representations**

Colorep, Inc.

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501

St. Tropez Capital, Inc.

Mr. Gasket Co.

Prism Entertainment Corporation  
Packaging Corporation of America  
Super Shops, Inc.

Maguire Thomas Partners, Fifth & Grand, Ltd.

ABC International Traders, Inc.

Maxicare, HMO

Watts Health Foundation, Inc., dba  
UHP Healthcare, HMO

Valley Health System, Healthcare  
District

Imperial Capital Bancorp, Inc.

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He is a member of the bar of the states of California and Maryland, and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Central District of California.

Mr. Klausner received his J.D., with honors, from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1974, where he served on the editorial staff of the University of Maryland Law Review from 1972–73. He received his B.A. from the University of Maryland in 1971.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Financial Lawyers Conference (President, 1993–1994; Member of the Board of Governors)

Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum (President in 2003–2004) Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference (2007–2009)

United States District Court, Central District, Standing Committee on Attorney Discipline, Chair 2011–2013

American Bar Association Section on Business Law, Chair of the Subcommittee on Bankruptcy Crimes, Fraud and Abuse, 2005

Chair of the Subcommittee on Chapter 9, 2011–2016; Chair of Chapter 11 Subcommittee, 2017–2020

**HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy Century City Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year, 2010

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**KEY REPRESENTATIONS**

**Committee Representations**

Rhythm & Hues

Nasty Gal

New Meatco

Consolidated Freightway

Westward Ho Markets

Naki Electronics

Prime Matrix Stan Lee Media

American Restaurant Group, Inc

**Significant Creditor/Party In Interest Representations**

The Weinstein Company

Relativity Media

Cannon Pictures, Inc.

Georgia Pacific Corporation

Cal Worthington

Columbia Tristar

Fox Family Worldwide

MCI Telecommunications Corporation

Paramount Pictures

Saban Entertainment

Sony Pictures, Inc.

The Walt Disney Company

Victor Valley Community Hospital

Rachel Ashwell Design, Inc

EZ Lube, Inc

Gardens Regional Hospital