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Kelly is a principal at Porzio, Bromberg & Newman and a key member of its Commercial Practice Group and Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring team. With nearly twenty years of experience, she is a trusted advisor to corporate debtors, creditors, unsecured creditor committees, trustees, equity holders, distressed asset purchasers, and other stakeholders navigating bankruptcy, financial restructuring, and commercial litigation.

Kelly's practice is defined by her ability to deliver tailored solutions across industries, including pharmaceutical, retail, healthcare, real estate, hospitality, manufacturing, food services, transportation, and education. Recently, she spearheaded complex engagements in the pharmaceutical and specialty retail sectors, leading the sale of debtor businesses and ensuring maximum creditor recovery in intricate, high-stakes transactions.

Her experience spans all facets of restructuring, including Chapter 11 proceedings, assignments, receiverships, and cross-border insolvency. An accomplished litigator, Kelly has successfully represented clients in bankruptcy-related disputes, achieving favorable trial outcomes and settlements. Her litigation insight strengthens her ability to guide clients through workouts and turnaround scenarios, offering practical, strategic advice that drives results both in and out of the courtroom.

Recognitions

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- *Chambers USA* - America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Bankruptcy/Restructuring (2026)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®* – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2026 and 2027); Litigation - Bankruptcy (2026 and 2027)
- Turnaround Management Association (TMA) - The Turnaround and Transaction of the Year Awards Winner – Small Company, Valeritas Inc. (2021)
- New Jersey Rising Stars® (2015-2024)

Memberships

- American Bankruptcy Institute, Member
- Bankruptcy Inn of Court
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, Member
- New Jersey State Bar Association, Member
- New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, Member
- Turnaround Management Association, Member & NextGen Committee Member
- Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition, Volunteer
- Homeless Solutions, Inc., Morris Plains, NJ, Volunteer

News

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- Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Selected as Lead Counsel to Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in LifeCare 2.0 Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, 10/20/2026
- 33 Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers® 2027*, Including Two "Lawyer of the Year" Recipients, 8/20/2026
- Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Bankruptcy Team Wins Nondischargeability Judgment in Pro Bono Matter, 8/13/2026
- Chambers USA 2026 Ranks Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Among New Jersey's Leading Firms; Seven Attorneys Recognized, 6/09/2026
- 26 Porzio Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America®* 2026 Edition; 6 Listed as *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®*, 8/21/2025
- 18 Porzio Attorneys Named to 2024 New Jersey Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars® Lists, 3/25/2024
- Twenty Porzio Attorneys Recognized in 2023 New Jersey Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists, 5/11/2023
- 22 Porzio Attorneys Selected for Inclusion on 2022 New Jersey Super Lawyers List, 4/06/2022
- Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Recognized at 2021 New Jersey Law Journal Legal Awards, 9/24/2021
- Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C. Promotes Business Bankruptcy Attorney Kelly D. Curtin to Principal, 7/01/2019
- Porzio Honored by NJLJ's Professional Excellence Awards, 6/13/2019
- Porzio's Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Team Chosen to Represent Unsecured Creditors' Committee for Immune Pharmaceutical, 3/13/2019
- Wall Street Journal Reports on EZ Worldwide Express's Emergence from Bankruptcy, 12/13/2016

- Porzio Congratulates EZ Worldwide Express and United Business Freight Forwarders on Emerging from Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, 12/12/2016
- Bankruptcy Team Celebrates "East Meets West" during the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, 10/28/2016
- Porzio Bankruptcy Team Wins Avoidable Transfer Verdict of Over $1.15 Million, 8/10/2016
- Porzio Promotes Two Attorneys to Principal and Two to Counsel, 7/01/2016

Articles

- Financial Restructuring: A Tool for Success to Preserve Healthcare Jobs and Quality of Care in Puerto Rico, 9/15/2026
- La Reestructuración Financiera: Una Herramienta para el Éxito en la Preservación de Empleos y la Calidad de Servicios de Salud, 9/15/2026
- When Good Science Meets Financial Distress: Practical Steps for Life Sciences Companies, 5/28/2026
- Navigating U.S. Bankruptcy Proceedings: A Guide for Chinese Creditors, 4/17/2026
- Why Am I Being Sued Now? The Increase In Sexual Abuse Lawsuits, 3/22/2022
- The Evolving Status of Nondebtor Releases in Bankruptcy Plans, 2/14/2022
- Recent Third Circuit Decision Restores Litigant's Standing to Pursue Causes of Action After the Chapter 7 Trustee Abandoned Them, 10/05/2020
- Bankruptcy Court Blocks Alleged Abuse Survivors From Pursuing $35 Million Archdiocese Transfers, Summer 2013
- Chapter 9 Bankruptcies: Prompting Legislatures to Protect Municipal Bondholders , 2012
- Lenders Beware: Preservation of Credit Bid Rights Not Required Under Chapter 11 Plans , June 2010
- Secured Creditor's Right to Credit Bid May Be at Risk, January 2010
- Preference and Fraudulent Conveyance Litigation: a Primer and Some Recent Case Law Developments in the Second (New York) and Third (Delaware) Circuits Regarding Defences, 2009

Speaking Engagements

- “Prove It to Me – I Dare You – An Evidentiary Panel,” 2026 Honorable William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, 4/16/2026
- "UCC Art. 9 and Hidden Liens," New Jersey State Bar Association, 2024 Bankruptcy and Restructuring Forum, 9/27/2024
- "Surf's Up Aboard a Title Wave: Understanding Workouts," ACREL's Advanced Commercial Leasing Institute, 5/03/2024
- "Succession & Taxes: Restructuring and Bankruptcy," Migrating Through A Changing Economy, Rutgers Business School's 7th Annual Business Community Engagement Symposium , 11/09/2022
- "Involuntary Bankruptcy – Procedure, Issues, and Trying the Case," NJICLE, 2022 Bankruptcy and Restructuring Forum, 11/03/2022

- "Do the Due…Process: Practical Considerations on Due Process in Bankruptcy," 2022 Honorable William H. Gindin Bench Bar Conference, 5/06/2022
- How to Avoid Automatic Stay Violations - What NOT to do When Presented with a Bankruptcy Filing, Porzio's Fourth Annual WIN Ethics & Eggs Virtual CLE Seminar, 12/17/2020
- Managing Your Banking Relationship in a Turbulent Economy, Panelist, Withum, 9/22/2020
- Financial Advisors' Toolbox: An Overview of Subchapter 5, Panelist, Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors Annual Conference, 6/09/2020
- Financial Advisors' Toolbox: The Bankruptcy Preparation Stage, Panelist, Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors Annual Conference, 6/09/2020
- Business As (Un)Usual-Pivoting Your Business During Uncertain Times, Morphmom Webinar, 4/15/2020
- Anatomy of a Celebrity Chef Restructure – Issues and Challenges, 21st Annual William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, Atlantic City, NJ, 4/05/2019
- Hot Topic Presentation of In re Molycorp, Inc., 562 B.R. 67, 71 (Bankr. D. Del. 2017), Bankruptcy Inn of Court for New Jersey, Newark, NJ, 1/09/2017

Media Mentions

- "Compostable Film Co. Nets Approval Of Ch. 11 Plan," *Law360*, 8/22/2025
- "Creditors Can Join Nostrum Sale Talks, Ch. 11 Judge Rules," *Law360*, 1/28/2025
- "Lumio Sale to Zeo Energy Approved After Resolution With Fincos; Settlement Term Sheet With White Oak, UCC Contemplates Liquidating Plan to Be Filed 'Very Shortly'," Octus, 11/01/2024
- "Sam Ash Approved For Ch. 11 Sale Process With Baseline Bid," *Law360*, 6/05/2024
- "After Surprise Revelation of Connection Between Broker and Insider Under Investigation, Judge Sherwood Conditions Approval of 8 NRIA Private Sales on Escrow of All Proceeds," Octus, 6/21/2022
- "Judge Silverstein Approves Valeritas Holdings' Sale to Zealand Pharma, Settlement Motion; Debtors Will Pursue Liquidating Plan," Octus, 3/20/2020
- "Valeritas Receives Final DIP Approval After Debtors, DIP Lender Resolve Objection Lodged by UCC," Octus, 3/12/2020
- "Judge Silverstein Approves Valeritas Bid Procedures After Resolving UCC Objections; Debtors Report No New Bidding Activity," Octus, 3/06/2020

Practices

- Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring

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Area of Focus

- Creditor Committees
- Healthcare: Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey, 2009
- New York, 2010

Court Admissions

- United States District Court, District of New Jersey, 2009
- United States District Court, Northern District of New York, 2020
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 2010
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2010
- United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 2015

Education

- *The George Washington University Law School*
  J.D., 2009
  Semi-finalist, Van Vleck Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition
- *Rutgers University*
  B.A. in History, English and Political Science, 2006
  Phi Beta Kappa; Cap and Skull Honor Society

Clerkships & Internships

- Summer Associate, Porzio, Bromberg & Newman P.C. (Summer 2007 and 2008)
- Intern, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Branch (Spring 2008)
- Intern, Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, Vertical Prosecution (Spring 2005)