



## Sydney J. Darling

### Of Counsel

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Sydney Darling is a member of the firm's Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Department. Sydney focuses primarily on commercial bankruptcy matters, representing a variety of constituencies. She has experience representing secured and unsecured creditors, chapter 11 trustees, liquidating trustees, creditors' committees, asset purchasers, property owners/landlords and other interested parties in bankruptcy cases. Her resourcefulness, problem-solving and interpersonal skills contribute to her effective advocacy and enable her to propose thoughtful and creative solutions to her clients.

Additionally, Sydney has a wide array of experience, in both litigation and transactional matters in the areas of business and commercial law, financial services, risk management, insolvency and real estate and has represented lenders, distressed debt investors and other creditors in connection with the disposition of nonperforming loans and assets outside of bankruptcy, including prosecuting real estate, Article 9 and tax sale foreclosures.

Her litigation experience also includes a variety of business and commercial actions, including prosecuting and defending Consumer Fraud Act claims, fraudulent transfer actions, judgment collection matters, breach of contract actions, lender liability claims, construction law matters, and emergent proceedings seeking temporary restraints and injunctions. She has represented numerous clients at the trial and appellate levels of state, federal and bankruptcy courts in New Jersey and New York, including the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and New Jersey Appellate Division.

Complementing her litigation practice, Sydney has experience representing property owners, developers and landlords in a wide range of commercial and real estate transactions, counseling parties in connection with the acquisition, disposition, and improvement of real property, preparing non-consolidation opinion letters, and negotiating and drafting various forms of real estate and construction contracts.

After graduating law school, Sydney served a clerkship with the Honorable Raymond T. Lyons (Ret.), United States Bankruptcy Judge, District of New Jersey. She is a 2009 graduate of Rutgers University School of Law-Newark, where she served as Articles Editor of the Women's Rights Law Reporter. While attending law school and for several years prior, she worked in advertising as an agency account executive.

## Recognitions

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- Best Lawyers in America (2021).  
A description of the selection process can be found [here](#).
- Super Lawyer (2021), Super Lawyer's Rising Star (2016-2020).  
A description of the selection process can be found [here](#).
- Emerging Leader Award, Turnaround Management Association (2019).  
A description of the selection process can be found [here](#).
- Future Leader Award, New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers Foundation and Federal Bankruptcy Bar Association of New Jersey (2018)  
A description of the selection process can be found [here](#).

## Memberships

- Member and Chair of the Local Rules Subcommittee, Lawyers Advisory Committee of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey
- Co-Chair, International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) – New Jersey Network
- Vice Chair, Essex County Bar Association Debtor-Creditor Section
- VP of Membership and Director, NJ Turnaround Management Association
- Volunteer Attorney, Volunteer Lawyers for Justice Consumer Law Program

## News

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- Porzio Expands Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring Practice with Addition of Sydney J. Darling as Of Counsel, 5/27/2021

## Articles

- Down the Pipe: No Easy Out for Cannabis-Based Businesses in Distress , October 2018
- You Have the Right to Remain Silent, Sometimes: A Primer on the Scope of the Fifth Amendment in Bankruptcy Proceedings , Summer 2018
- Appellate Division Again Warns Car Dealers: Beware of Inconsistent Legal Terms in Documents, June 2016

## Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Single Asset Real Estate in Bankruptcy," Inaugural NJSBA Bankruptcy and Restructuring Forum, 11/18/2021

## Sydney J. Darling Cont.

- Panelist, "COVID-19 Defenses to Litigation," 23rd Annual William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, April 2021
- Panel Coordinator/Co-Moderator, "Landlord Issues in Bankruptcy," 22nd Annual William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, April 2020
- Panelist, "Advanced Collection Practices and Bankruptcy Implications: A Series," N.J. State Bar Association , January 2020
- Panelist, "Mock Confirmation Hearing – Confirming A Plan Containing Third Party Releases," 21st Annual William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, April 2019
- Panelist, "Mock Trial – Contested Cash Collateral and DIP Financing," 20th Annual William H. Gindin Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, March 2018

## Practices

- Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring

## 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, 2010
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2011
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 2011

## Education

- *Rutgers Law School*  
J.D., 2009
- *Marist College*  
B.A., 2002