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Chet Ostrowski is an experienced litigator and trial lawyer, who practices primarily in the areas of complex commercial, real estate, and consumer finance litigation. Chet has zealously represented both businesses and individuals in matters involving claims for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, tortious interference, wrongful termination, unfair competition, theft of trade secrets, infringement upon intellectual property rights, negligence, and fraud. Chet's consumer finance litigation experience includes representing financial services companies against claims brought by consumers under the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA), Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), and various other federal and state consumer protection and unfair/deceptive acts and practices statutes.

Chet is also an integral part of the firm's Bankruptcy practice group, focusing mostly on creditors' rights. In addition to preparing, prosecuting, and defending proofs of claim, Chet has substantial experience representing creditor clients in all types of adversary proceedings, including those seeking to avoid allegedly fraudulent, preferential, or otherwise inequitable transfers. Chet likewise assists clients with respect to matters arising under Rule 2004 (bankruptcy subpoenas and examinations), motions for relief from the automatic stay, objections to the discharge of debtors under 11 U.S.C. § 727, objections to the dischargeability of particular debts under 11 U.S.C. § 523, and related District Court appeals. Other members of the firm's Bankruptcy practice group draw upon Chet's broad litigation experience in counseling their clients and seeking to provide creative and practical solutions to those impacted, directly or indirectly, by financial insolvency and bankruptcy issues.

Publications & Honors

- How To Domesticate a Sister-State Judgment in New York When the Judgment Was Entered on Default in the Underlying Proceeding
- Chester R. Ostrowski and Matthew D. Sobolewski were contributing authors and editors to "Understanding Ordinary: A Primer on Financial and Economic Considerations for the Ordinary Course Defenses to Bankruptcy Preference Actions, Second Edition."
- Acknowledged editorial contribution to completion of Credit Research Foundation book entitled Understanding Ordinary: A Primer on Financial & Economic Considerations for Ordinary Course Defenses to Bankruptcy Preference Actions (July 2013), written by Stout Risius Ross, Inc
- Robert D. Laurie & Chester R. Ostrowski, How 10 States are Handling Unclaimed Property, LifeHealthPro, Mar. 29, 2013
- Prepared and presented Herrick, Feinstein LLP Litigation Department CLE seminar focusing on current issues in e-discovery, New York, NY, July 2011
- Assisted Ronald J. Levine, Esq. in writing "Not-for-Profit Litigation" chapter in West Publishing treatise, Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts, Third Edition (2010)
- A "Blighted Area" of the Law: Why Eminent Domain Legislation is Still Necessary in New Jersey after Gallenthin, 39 Seton Hall L. Rev. 225 (2009) (citing by New Jersey Supreme Court in 62-64 Main Street, LLC v. Mayor & Counsel of City of Hackensack, 221 N.J. 129 (2015))
- E-Contracting: What Corporate Counsel Need to Know

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- Named to New Jersey "Rising Stars" list by Super Lawyers Magazine (2014, 2015)
- Seton Hall Chancellor Scholar
- Seton Hall Distinguished Scholar
- Named to New York Metro "Rising Stars" list by Super Lawyers Magazine (2016 to 2021)

Education

- Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., 2009, Comments Editor for Seton Hall Law Review)
- The College of New Jersey (B.S., 2006, summa cum laude)

Bar Admissions

- New York (2011)
- New Jersey (2009)
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit (2014)
- United States District Court, N.D. New York (2015)
- United States District Court, W.D. New York (2012)
- District of Columbia (2012)
- United States District Court, S.D. New York (2011)
- United States District Court, E.D. New York (2011)
- United States District Court, District of New Jersey (2009)

Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy, Reorganization and Restructuring
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation
- Real Estate
- Bankruptcy Law
- Bankruptcy & Restructuring