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A member of the firm's Strategic Growth Committee and its Management Council, Catherine is a seasoned bankruptcy attorney with more than 29 years of experience guiding companies and creditors through complex financial situations.

In client references provided to *Chambers*, Catherine has been described as “smart and even-keeled” and as someone who “offers great and practical business solutions.” She is also noted for her “strong legal mind and great commercial sensibilities.”

Catherine has wide-ranging financial restructuring experience, having represented large and small businesses in Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 proceedings. She also has served as a government-appointed Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 Trustee in thousands of cases, overseeing and operating businesses while they are in bankruptcy. She knows how to assess the best way forward for a business, and how make hard choices.

Catherine also has represented many financial institutions and creditors in bankruptcy proceedings, both as lenders and as purchasers of distressed assets. She understands complex financial lending structures, tiered lending and derivatives, and can spot security and other issues creditors need to know early to gain technical advantages.

Over the years, Catherine has had the honor of representing Unsecured Creditors Committees as well as Equity Holders. She represents private equity and hedge funds in and out of bankruptcy courts. Additionally, she has been picked many times to serve as Litigation or Liquidating Trustee in Post-Conformation Plans.

Catherine's experience also extends to civil litigation, land use matters, commercial and residential foreclosure actions and document reviews. She has tried numerous jury and non-jury cases to completion.

Catherine is former Managing Partner of the firm's Morristown office.

Services

- Financial Restructuring & Bankruptcy
- Receiverships

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining the firm, Catherine was a partner at Forman Holt Eliades & Youngman LLC. She was also previously a partner at two boutique law firms for more than 15 years.

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Education

- Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., 1994)
- Syracuse University (M.P.A., 1991)
- Syracuse University (B.A., 1990)

Memberships

- Immediate Past Chair, The Lawyers Advisory Committee, District of New Jersey
- Past Member, Third Circuit Lawyers Advisory Committee (2016-2019)
- Member, American Bankruptcy Institute
- Member, Turnaround Management Association
- Member, New York Institute of Credit
- Member, International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC)

Honors & Awards

- **Selected as an Office Managing Partner of the Year finalist by the *New Jersey Law Journal* (2025)**
This award is conferred by the New Jersey Law Journal. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.
- **Selected to the list of attorneys recognized by *Chambers USA* for Bankruptcy/Restructuring in New Jersey (2018-2025)**
This award is conferred by Chambers & Partners. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.
- **Selected to the "Super Lawyers" list for Bankruptcy Law in New Jersey (2010-2026)**
This award is conferred by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.
- **Selected to the "Super Lawyers - Rising Stars" list for Bankruptcy Law in New Jersey (2008, 2009)**
This award is conferred by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.
- **Selected to "AV Preeminent" list of rated attorneys**
This award is conferred by Martindale-Hubbell. A description of the selection methodology is [available here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Representative Matters

Catherine has served as a trustee or provided representation in numerous matters, including:*

- ASHINC – Served as Liquidating and Litigation trustee during the company's Chapter 11 Bankruptcy proceedings, overseeing payment of claims of \$38 million and overseeing litigation with damage claims in excess of \$350,000.
- Served as Chapter 7 trustee for a national freight shipping and brokerage firm, as well as its subsidiaries. To date, more than \$75 million in secured claims have been satisfied through the administration of the debtors' assets and receivables.

Catherine operated the debtor during the wind down, bringing more than 3,000 tractor trailers in from the road in an organized fashion while overseeing 1,500 employees.

- Represented Creditors Committee seeking to recoup Pension Plan benefits that the debtor attempted to eliminate through Chapter 11. The debtor and its parent company were forced to satisfy its pension obligations.
- Provided restructuring advice to a large regional manufacturing entity, saving the business and 750 jobs. Catherine reviewed and restructured tiered loans and corrected organizational issues that led to greater efficiency and profitability.
- Served as a trustee for a well-known Atlantic City restaurant in Chapter 11. Catherine oversaw the installation of a point of sale system to increase efficiency and track inventory, helping the establishment turn around in six months. The restaurant was then successfully sold.
- Topps Meat Company, LLC – Served as trustee for one of the largest national suppliers of frozen hamburgers after the recall of its beef products due to E. coli contamination. In the process, Catherine oversaw the sale of the company's intellectual property and physical assets while ensuring all contaminated products were destroyed.
- Headliners Entertainment Group Inc. – Served as Chapter 7 trustee for a publicly traded company owning and operating comedy clubs under the name "Rascals," as well as dance clubs, entertainment complexes and a media library with original digital recordings of performances by several comedians, including Chris Rock, Jeff Foxworthy, Colin Quinn, Andrew Dice Clay, Wanda Sykes, Drew Carey, Tim Allen, Rosie O'Donnell, Darryl Hammond and Joy Behar. All of the assets were liquidated.
- Served as Liquidating trustee in a matter where all assets were diverted to Pakistan. Catherine used International Law to recover assets and collect on judgments.
- Served as Chapter 7 trustee for an individual debtor who failed to disclose her ownership of jewelry valued at more than \$350,000. Catherine successfully obtained the jewelry with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals. The debtor was denied her discharge and remained fully responsible for her debts.

** Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.*