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Clients turn to Curtis for pragmatic advice and strategic insight in complex restructurings, corporate trust matters and other high-stakes business disputes. He represents businesses, financial institutions, and corporate trust clients in matters involving substantial investments and protection of value. Curtis offers a steady hand in navigating complexity, and clients rely on his deep understanding of legal and financial systems, sound judgment and practical approach to turn difficult situations into opportunities and favorable results.

Representative engagements include:

- Serving as counsel to the indenture trustee and notes collateral agent for \$1.2 billion in secured notes in the Rite Aid Chapter 11 cases.
- Representing the indenture trustee in recovery on defaulted \$400 million notes in the Aeromexico Chapter 11 proceeding.
- Representing the administrative agent and collateral agent for a \$200 million DIP financing in the Cyxtera Technologies Chapter 11 cases.
- Representing the indenture trustee for \$1.6 billion in second-lien notes in Frontier Communications Chapter 11 restructuring.

Curtis also advises companies on commercial disputes, transactions and other business matters where legal, financial and business/operational issues are closely intertwined. Curtis frequently helps clients address multidisciplinary legal challenges by coordinating services from the right lawyers across the firm to produce targeted results. Clients value Curtis's steady judgment, personal integrity and ability to bring order, clarity and practical advice to difficult situations.

Curtis has held a number of leadership roles during his career, including in law firm management, cybersecurity and compliance-related initiatives, and pro bono program administration. He is also conversant in the operational and governance issues that increasingly affect modern legal departments including cybersecurity, legal technology and the responsible use of generative AI.

Services

- Financial Restructuring & Bankruptcy

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

Education

- Fordham University School of Law (J.D., 1999)
- University of Notre Dame (B.A., *cum laude*, 1995)

Honors & Awards

- **Selected to the list of attorneys ranked by *Chambers USA* for Bankruptcy/Restructuring in New Jersey (2021-2025)**
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 "Best Lawyers in America" list for Bankruptcy Reorganization in Morristown, NJ (2015-2026)**
This award is conferred by Best Lawyers. 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 (2013-2025)**
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.

Representative Matters

- *The Bank of New York Mellon v. TV Azteca, S.A.B. de C.V.* (2021-2026; N.Y. Supreme Court; U.S. District & Bankruptcy Courts (S.D.N.Y.); multiple Mexican trial/appellate courts) – Represent BNYM as Indenture Trustee on recovery litigation on defaulted \$400 million Notes.
- *EchoStar Corporation / DISH DBS Corp.* (2025) – Represented BNYM as Indenture Trustee on default and cure of missed interest payments on \$500M Notes.
- *Rite Aid Corporation* (D.N.J. 2023-2024) – Represented BNYM as Indenture Trustee and Notes Collateral Agent for 7.500% 2025 and 8.000% 2026 Secured Notes, totaling \$1.170 B, advising the Trustee through DIP financing, plan negotiations, debtor business sale and exit financing; coordinated with the Ad Hoc Group and its counsel on intercreditor, collateral, and Plan issues.
- *Cyxtera Technologies, Inc.* (D.N.J. 2023-2024) – Represented Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB as administrative agent and collateral agent for \$200 million debtor-in-possession financing in restructuring of global provider of data center colocation and interconnection services.
- *Invitae Corporation* (D.N.J. 2024-2025) – Represented U.S. Bank Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee/Collateral Agent for \$335M+ secured notes in litigation of plan/standing/make-whole issues in Chapter 11 proceeding of medical genetics company.
- *Right Choice Vending* (S.D. Fla. 2023) – Represented key supplier in Chapter 11 filing and sale of Florida-based vending services business.
- *Grupo Aeromexico, S.A.B. de C.V.*, (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2020-2022) – Represented indenture trustee for \$400 million of Debtors' 7% Senior Notes and member of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in Chapter 11 reorganization of flag airline of Mexico.
- *Tailored Brands, Inc.*, (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2020-2021) – Represented indenture trustee for \$178 million of Debtors' 7% Senior Notes in bankruptcy reorganization of Tailored Brands and its related debtors, including Men's Warehouse, Jos. A. Bank, and Moores Clothes for Men, which had collectively operated approximately 1,400 men's clothing stores in the U.S. and Canada.
- *Frontier Communications Corporation*, (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2020-2021) – Represented Wilmington Savings Fund Society as Indenture Trustee for \$1.6B second-lien notes; litigated DIP/adequate protection, disclosure statement, impairment, make-whole and default-interest issues; helped secure mediated resolution and plan confirmation.

- *24 Hour Fitness Worldwide, Inc.* (Bankr. D. Del. 2020-2021) – Represented commercial real estate investor with interest in Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of nationwide operator of health and fitness clubs.
- *Murray Energy Co.*, (Bankr. S.D. Ohio 2019-2020) – Represented indenture trustee for \$498 million 12% Senior Secured Notes and member of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in reorganization of largest underground mining company in the U.S.
- *Cenveo, Inc.*, (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) – Represented indenture trustee for \$50 million of Debtors' secured 4% FILO Notes in Chapter 11 restructuring of commercial printing and direct mail agent.
- *Capmark Financial Group (f/k/a GMAC Commercial Mortgage)*, (Bankr. D. Del.) – Represented indenture trustee for \$250 million in commercial debentures as member of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in bankruptcy reorganization of nation's largest commercial real estate lender.
- *Las Vegas Monorail*, (Bankr. D. Nev.) – Represented indenture trustee for \$48 million project revenue/municipal bonds in Chapter 11 reorganization of iconic Las Vegas transportation system.
- *Northampton Generating Co.*, (Bankr. W.D.N.C.) – Represented indenture trustee for \$27 million municipal bonds in Chapter 11 restructuring of electric generation facility.
- *Majestic Star Casinos*, (Bankr. D. Del.) – Represented indenture trustee for \$63 million notes as member of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in reorganization of national casino enterprise.
- *Spheris, Inc.*, (Bankr. D. Del.) – Represented indenture trustee for \$125 million notes as member of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in Chapter 11 reorganization of medical records transcription company.
- *Accuride Corp.*, (Bankr. D. Del.) – Represented indenture trustee for \$275 million notes as member of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in Chapter 11 reorganization of trucking part systems manufacturer.
- *EnCap Golf Holdings*, (Bankr. D.N.J. and U.S. Dist. Ct. for S.D.N.Y.) – Represented indenture trustee in bankruptcy proceeding of environmental remediation project manager and in related District Court litigation successfully obtaining release of \$42 million in reserve funds to pay defaulted bonds.
- *Collins & Aikman Corporation*, (Bankr. E.D. Mich.) – Represented indenture trustee for \$500 million commercial notes as member of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in bankruptcy and liquidation of automotive parts manufacturer and key supplier to General Motors.
- *Atlantic City Housing and Urban Renewal Authority*, (Bankr. D.N.J.) – Represented secured creditor indenture trustee for defaulted municipal bonds in Chapter 7 liquidation of Section 8 urban housing development in Atlantic City, New Jersey.
- *Consumers Packaging Inc.*, (Sup. Ct. of Ontario, Canada) Represented indenture trustee for \$75 million notes in obtaining recoveries in Canadian Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act ("CCAA") bankruptcy proceeding of manufacturer of glass containers.
- *Insilco Technologies, Inc.*, (Bankr. D. Del.) – Represented indenture trustee as member of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in reorganization of manufacturer and supplier of telecommunications components.
- *Oakwood Homes Corp.*, (Bankr. D. Del.) – Represented securitization trustee for asset-backed securities in bankruptcy proceeding of national mortgage services provider.
- *Holt Hauling & Murphy Marine Services*, (Bankr. D. Del.) – Represented indenture trustee in secured municipal bond issuance related to waterfront warehousing and stevedoring services operation.
- *Grand Court Lifestyles, Inc.*, (Bankr. D.N.J.) – Represented indenture trustee and member of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in bankruptcy reorganization of real estate development enterprise.
- *Budget Rent-a-Car*, (Bankr. D. Del.) – Represented indenture trustee and member of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in restructuring of national car rental business.
- *Hanjin Shipping Co.*, (Bankr. D.N.J.) – Represented national supermarket chain in the Chapter 15 proceeding and international insolvency of Korean shipping line.
- *Nirvana, Inc.* (Bankr. N.D.N.Y.) – Represented stalking horse bidder in bankruptcy 363 sale of water bottling company.
- *W.R. Grace*, (Bankr. D. Del.) – Represented one of the nation's largest commercial property owners in litigation of asbestos property damage and abatement claims brought against materials manufacturer.
- *Hostess Brands, LLC*, (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) – Represented national supermarket chain in successful resolution of multimillion-dollar litigation of contract claims with debtors.
- *IT Group, Inc.*, (Bankr. D. Del.) – Represented national equipment and truck rental company in defense of multimillion-dollar preference avoidance action.
- *Bayonne Medical Center*, (Bankr. D.N.J.) – Represented indenture trustee for \$47 million in secured municipal bonds in bankruptcy reorganization of hospital.
- *K-V Pharmaceutical*, (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) – Represented bank agent in negotiations and preparation of \$100 million bankruptcy exit financing.
- *In re Rising Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, (Bankr. D.N.J.) – Represented pharmaceutical company in successful recovery of intellectual property rights in debtor's Chapter 11 reorganization.

- *Ceragenix Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, (Bankr. D. Colo.) – Represented an international pharmaceutical company in successful litigation against debtor supplier pertaining to ownership and licensing of intellectual property rights related to 510(k) medical device.
- *Passaic Healthcare Services, Inc.* (Bankr. D.N.J.) – Represented medical equipment supplier in Chapter 11 restructuring of medical supply company.
- *Imaging Center of Oradell*, (Bankr. D.N.J.) – Represented investors in Chapter 7 bankruptcy case and related health care regulatory issues of medical imaging center.
- *New Jersey Realty Concepts v. Mavroudis, et al.*, (Sup. Ct. N.J.) – Represented investors of medical arts facility in successful action to remove management of facility and to appoint a Special Fiscal Agent and Receiver for medical arts center.
- *General Receivership of Advoserv of New Jersey, Inc.*, (Sup. Ct. N.J.) – Represented N.J. state Department of Health in receivership of adult disability centers and transfer of patient care.
- *FieldTurf Artificial Turf Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, (D.N.J.) – Represented school systems and municipal entities in nationwide class action litigation against artificial turf manufacturer.

Publications

2017

The Annotated Trust Indenture Act

American Bar Association, Section of Business Law