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### **Education**

B.S. Law Enforcement Administration (Honors), Western Illinois University, 1976  
Juris Doctor, Vermont Law School, 1980

### **Professional**

Bar: Illinois 1980, Vermont 1982  
U.S. District Ct. Ill - Northern and Central District 1981; U.S. District Ct. Vt., 1983  
U.S. Court of Appeals (7th Cir-) 1982

- American College of Bankruptcy, Fellow, March 2005 to present.
- National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, 1987 to present; Board of Directors 2009-present.
- Best Lawyers in America, 2007 to present.
- New England Super Lawyers, 2007 to present.
- Who's Who Legal: USA - Insolvency & Restructuring, 2006.
- Private Panel of Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustees for the District of Vermont, 1987 to present.
- Board Certified in business and consumer bankruptcy law, American Bankruptcy Board of Certification, November 1992 to present.
- Member of the District of Vermont Early Neutral Evaluation Panel and Court Approved Mediator, November 2001 to present.

### **Employment History**

Investigator: McDonough County State's Attorney, William D. Henderson, Macomb, Ill., 1976-1977  
Assistant Attorney General - Revenue Litigation Division, Illinois Attorney General's Office, Ty Fahner, Attorney General, Springfield, Ill., 1981-82  
Law Clerk to Hon. Charles J. Marro, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Vermont, Rutland, VT 1982-1983  
Estate Administrator, US Bankruptcy Court, Rutland Vermont 1983-84  
Associate Attorney - Law Office of Jerome Meyers, Springfield, Vt., 1983  
Law Office of Joseph C. Palmisano, Barre, Vt., 1984-1986  
Private practice S. Royalton, Vt., 1986-1988; Partner: Mayer, Berk & Obuchowski, S. Royalton, 1988-90;  
Private practice Bethel, Vt., 1990-1991; Partner: Obuchowski & Reis, Bethel, VT 1992-96; private practice Obuchowski Law Office, Bethel, 1997-2003; Obuchowski & Emens-Butler, July 2003 to present.

### **Publications:**

Author:

*AI Feel Poorer*: A Chapter 7 Trustee's definition of the acronym AIFP under BAPCPA, NABTalk, Journal of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, Winter 2006.

“*More Work for Trustee, Less Compensation – A Review of Trends in IFP Fee Waivers in Chapter 7 Filings*”  
NABTalk, Journal of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, Spring 2010.

Contributing Editor: *Recent Cases*, NABTalk, Journal of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, 2002, 2003.

Co-author: *Vermont=s Amended Retirement Account Exemption*, 1999, Vermont Bar Journal.

### **Teaching/Continuing Education Experience**

Vermont Law School, Guest Lecturer on Chapter 11 reorganizations to Bankruptcy law class, May 2004, and as requested year to year since 1994.

National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees

*Ramifications and Effects of Collusive Bidding In Bankruptcy Sales and The Chapter 7 Trustee’s Remedies*, Mid-Year Conference, Santa Monica, March 2011.

*Petition filings under In Forma Pauperis*, Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, August 2007.

American Bankruptcy Institute

*Individual Chapter 11 Bankruptcy - 11 U.S.C ' 1115 - Constitutional and Taxation Issues regarding the treatment of APost-Petition@ earnings as property of the estate*, Northeast Regional Meeting, Newport , Rhode Island, July 2006.

*Classification Issues Arising in Chapter 13 Plans and Chapter 7 Trustee ' 326 Compensation in Cases Converted to Chapter 13*, Northeast Regional Meeting, Stowe, Vermont, July 2001.

Commercial Law League

*CMEC/ECF filing in the United States Bankruptcy Courts*, Northeast meeting, Stowe, Vermont, June 2003.

National Business Institute

*Foreclosure and Repossession in Vermont*, 1991

*Successful Creditor's Strategies in Bankruptcy in Vermont*, 1990.

*Basic Bankruptcy in Vermont*, 1989.

Professional Education Services

*Vermont Collection Law*, 1988.

Vermont Attorney Title Company

*Foreclosure and Bankruptcy Avoiding the Pitfalls in Your Real Estate Practice*, Killington Vermont, 1999.

Vermont Bar Association

*Holiday Program, Bankruptcy Law Section* - December 2003 to present

*New Developments in Vermont Bankruptcy Practice - Chapter 7*, May 2002.

*New Developments in Vermont Bankruptcy Practice - Chapter 7*, May 2000

*Chapter 13 Bankruptcy*, November 1997.

*Basic Bankruptcy Law*, September 1996.

*Bankruptcy Skills Course*, November 1993.

*Basic Bankruptcy: Code Overview and Trustee in Bankruptcy*, 1992

### **Related Professional Activities/Awards**

Vermont Local Rules Committee - member of the Bankruptcy Law Committee of the Vermont Bar Association, which assisted in the review and development of updated Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice for the District of Vermont, 2000-2001; Fall 2011.

Vermont Pro Bono Panel - as Chairman of the Bankruptcy Law Committee of the Vermont Bar Association developed the Pro Bono panel following the suspension of bankruptcy practitioner, James Grant Thompson. The voluntary effort of Vermont attorneys to assume responsibility for Mr. Thompson's cases drew the attention of Consumer Bankruptcy News, 1999.

Vermont Bar Association - Recognition award for pro bono representation of clients before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Vermont, March 2000.

Counsel to the Associated Industries of Vermont regarding Docket 5854, an Investigation Into the Restructuring of the Electric Utility Industry in Vermont, 1997 - 1998.

Counsel to Central Vermont Public Service and AIV for testimony before the Vermont Legislature upon Bankruptcy and Deregulation of the Electric Utility Industry, 1998.

### **Representative Cases**

*In re Fibermark* - Vermont counsel to publicly held Chapter 11 Debtor, in the specialty paper manufacturing business. Plan confirmed, and closed. 2006

*In re: Kultivar Inc.*, Civil Action No. 1:00-CV-466, Court appointed receiver in action by the Securities and Exchange Commission, US District Court, Vermont October 2002.

*In re: G.D.S. Manufacturing, Inc.* - Counsel to largest unsecured creditor as proponent to competing Chapter 11 plan, as confirmed July 2004.

*In re Bolton Valley Holiday Resort* - Counsel to a liquidating Chapter 11 ski area as Debtor in Possession. 2002.

*In re: Marimac LLC* - Counsel to Chapter 11 debtor successfully restructuring and reorganizing a Lake Champlain marina. 2003.

*In re: Rutland Fire Clay* - Counsel to Chapter 11 debtor resulting in the creation of an Asbestos Trust under 11 USC ' 524(g), and the successful reorganization of the business.

**Professional Organizations**

America College of Bankruptcy

Illinois Bar Association

Vermont Bar Association (Chair, Bankruptcy Law Committee, 1997-2000)

National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees (Member 1987- current; Board of Directors 2009-current)

American Bankruptcy Institute