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Evelyn helps financially distressed companies, creditors, and other key constituents navigate the complex business and legal issues that arise in bankruptcy, insolvency, and distressed M&A matters.

OVERVIEW

Evelyn focuses her practice on corporate bankruptcy, insolvency, distressed M&A, and creditors' rights. With more than 25 years of experience, Evelyn understands all facets of a problem or opportunity, strategically devising insightful, innovative, and practical solutions that protect and advance her clients' interests.

Evelyn has significant experience guiding corporate debtors, creditors' committees, secured and unsecured creditors, foreign representatives and others through all aspects of complex Chapter 11, Chapter 7 and Chapter 15 proceedings. Evelyn's clients also include both plaintiffs and defendants in bankruptcy-related litigation matters, including avoidance actions.

Evelyn routinely represents companies, assignees and key constituents in connection with assignment for the benefit of creditors (ABC) proceedings in the Delaware Chancery Court and around the U.S.

She regularly represents sellers and purchasers in distressed M&A transactions, including Article 9 sales, asset sales conducted as part of an ABC, and sales conducted pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Evelyn frequently lectures at national conferences and publishes on distressed M&A, and various bankruptcy and restructuring topics. She is active in numerous professional organizations, including serving as the immediate past chair for the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), serving on the Board of Directors for the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI), serving as co-chair of the ABI International North American Insolvency Symposium, serving as a former member of the *Law360* Bankruptcy Editorial Board, and serving as co-chair of the Delaware State Bar Association's (DSBA) Bankruptcy Section Legislative Committee. Evelyn was a member of the DSBA's Commercial Law Section ABC Committee, which recommended revisions to the Uniform Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors Act to the Delaware legislative body that Delaware enacted in June 2026.

Evelyn's bankruptcy practice has been recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers, M&A Advisors,* and *Global M&A Network.*

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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Chapter 11 Counsel

- Christmas Tree Shops, LLC (retail)
- MD Helicopters, Inc. (aerospace manufacturer)
- In-Shape Holdings, LLC (health clubs)
- Rand Logistics, Inc. (shipping)
- Bostwick Laboratories, Inc. (health care)
- RadioShack Corporation (retail)

Creditors' Committee Counsel

- NanoString Technologies, Inc. (spatial biology technology)
- Brooks Brothers (retail)
- Superior Air Charter (aviation)
- Associated Wholesalers, Inc. (food industry)
- Solar Trust of America LLC (energy)

Counsel to Creditor Serving on the Creditors' Committee

- Elite Equipment Leasing (construction equipment)
- American Physician Partners (health care)
- Alpha Media Holdings LLC (entertainment)
- IHeartMedia, Inc. (entertainment)

Chapter 15 Representations

- Pelican International Inc. (representation of foreign representative)
- Spark Networks SE (representation of creditor opposing recognition of foreign main proceeding)

Counsel to Purchaser

- Occasion Brands, LLC (retail)
- Zohar III, Corp. (publishing company)
- Kona Grill, Inc. (restaurants)
- Buehler, Inc. (supermarkets)
- Weinstein Company Holdings LLC (entertainment)
- Rockport Company, LLC (retail)
- Filip Technology (technology)
- Landauer-Metropolitan, Inc. (health care)

Counsel to Liquidating Trustee

- Pappas Liquidating Trust (broadcasting)
- Syntax-Brillian (retail)

Counsel to the ABC Assignor/Assignee

- Master Cutlery (tactical knives)
- Remine, Inc. (real estate software)
- Allievex Corporation (health care)
- Jigsaw Meetings, LLC (web-based meeting software)
- SolarWorld Americas, Inc. (solar panels)
- Flight Fit n Fun (family entertainment center)
- Espero BioPharmaceuticals, Inc. (health care)
- Galleon Pharmaceuticals (health care)
- New Haven Pharmaceuticals (health care)

Special Litigation Counsel

- First Brands Group LLC (automotive aftermarket parts) (accounts receivable litigation counsel)

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2027),
- *JD Supra* Readers' Choice Awards, Bankruptcy (2026)
- *Chambers USA:* Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Delaware (2021-2026)
- *Lawdragon: 500 Leading Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers* (2000-2024, 2026)
- *Global Restructuring Review 100* (2025-2026)
- *Global M&A Network*: "Top 100 Global Restructuring and Turnaround Professionals," (2022)
- *Global M&A Network*: Distressed Investment Deal of the Year Award (2022)
- ABI: Committee Member of the Year (2022); Committee of the Year (ABI International Committee) (2022); Committee of the Year (ABI Asset Sales Committee) (2020)
- *IWIRC*: Recipient of the 2016 Melnik Award for an Exceptional IWIRC Member (2016)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bankruptcy + Restructuring
- Debtor + Committee Representations
- Distressed Mergers + Acquisitions
- Trade Creditors Representation

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bankruptcy + Restructuring
- Debtor + Committee Representations
- Distressed Mergers + Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Secured Lender Representation
- Trade Creditors Representation

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- *American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI)*: (i) board member (2023-present); (ii) co-chair, ABI International North American Insolvency Symposium (2024- present); (iii) co-chair, ABI International Committee (2022-2024); (iv) co-chair, ABI Asset Sales Committee (2019-2022); and (v) member, ABI Central States Bankruptcy Workshop Advisory Board (2017-2022)
- *International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC)*: past chair (2026); chair (2025); vice chair (2024); secretary (2023); finance director (2022); vice finance director (2021); at-large director (2020); membership director (2019); U.S. networks director (2016-2018); regional programming director (2015-2016); chair/founding member, IWIRC at The Shore Conference (2013-2017); chair, Delaware IWIRC Network (2013-2014)
- *International Insolvency Institute: member (by invitation only) (2025-present)*
- *Law360 Bankruptcy Editorial Board*: board member (2022-2025)
- *Delaware State Bar Association*, *Bankruptcy Section Legislative Committee*: co-chair (2019-present)
- *Richard S. Rodney Delaware Bankruptcy Inn of Court*: bencher (2005-present)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, J.D., 2001
- Drew University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1998, political science and sociology

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Delaware
- Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, District of Delaware
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Where Chancery Meets Chapter 11: The Corporate-Bankruptcy Nexus in Delaware," ABI's Delaware Views from the Bench, November 12, 2026.
- Speaker, "Selecting the Right Process for Asset Sales: Section 363, ABCs, and Article 9 Foreclosures," The M&A Advisor's 2023 Distressed Investing Summit, March 21-22, 2023.
- Moderator, "What Not to Do: Lessons Learned From Sales That Went Wrong," American Bankruptcy Institute webinar, March 14, 2022.
- Speaker, "Unlocking Gating Issues in Potential Debtor Engagements," America Bankruptcy Institute Central States Bankruptcy Workshop, June 2021.
- Moderator, "Navigating Ethical Issues During Asset Sales," American Bankruptcy Institute webinar, February 10, 2021.
- Speaker, "Strategies and Best Practices for the 363 Sale: Everything You Need to Know About the Asset Purchase Agreement, Bidding Procedures Order and Sale Order," Bankruptcy Law & Business Transactions Committee for the New Orleans Bar Association, July 12, 2018.
- Speaker, "Key Issues Regarding Bidding Procedures," American Bankruptcy Institute webinar, November 14,

2017.

- Speaker, “Section 363 Sales,” America Bankruptcy Institute Central States Bankruptcy Workshop, June 2017.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “Introduction to Chapter 15: What Is the Purpose of Chapter 15?” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, November 11, 2026.
- Co-author, “Heightened Scrutiny on Potential Bankruptcy Tourism,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, August 3, 2026.
- Co-author, “Testing the Limits of Section 1506 and the Public Policy Exception Under Chapter 15 of the United States Bankruptcy Code,” *ABI Journal*, August 2026.
- Author, “What PE Practitioners Need to Know About New Del. ABC Act,” *Law360*, July 17, 2026.
- Co-author, “Delaware’s New ABC Act: A Flexible Alternative to Bankruptcy,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, July 8, 2026.
- Author, “Delaware’s New ABC Act: What Private Equity Practitioners Need to Know,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, July 1, 2026.
- Podcast, “Leveraging Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors in Distressed Deals,” *PE Pathways*, March 24, 2026.
- Author, “What Will Happen to My Severance Payments if My Employer Files for Bankruptcy?,” *Pratt’s Journal of Bankruptcy Law*, April-May 2025.
- Author, “5 Issues to Consider When Liquidating Through an ABC,” *Law360*, March 21, 2024.
- Author, “What Are the Pros and Cons of Selling a Bankruptcy Claim?,” *Law360*, February 6, 2024.
- Troutman Pepper, Creditor’s Rights Toolkit, 2023.
- Author and Presenter, “Blocking and Tackling for Bidders: Five Key Issues in Section 363 Sales,” *Winning the Game of Distressed M&A: The Playbook*, May 19, 2023.
- Author and Presenter, “The Stalking Horse Bidder and “Protecting the Plate” in a Section 363 Sale,” *Winning the Game of Distressed M&A: The Playbook*, January 31, 2023.
- Author and Presenter, “The Benefits and Pitfalls of Acquiring Assets Via an Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors (ABC),” *Winning the Game of Distressed M&A: The Playbook*, December 13, 2022.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, “‘Bankruptcy Tourism’ Ruling Prompts New Ch. 15 Challenges,” *Law360*, October 13, 2026.
- Quoted, “In Tough Economy, Assignments in Lieu of Bankruptcy Could Grow,” *Legal Dive*, January 12, 2023.