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Joseph A. Shifer is a Partner and member of Pryor Cashman's Bankruptcy, Reorganization + Creditors' Rights Practice. He represents a broad range of stakeholders, including individual creditors, distressed investors, and financial institutions, in complex Chapter 11 cases, out-of-court restructurings, and other insolvency-related matters.

With nearly two decades of experience, Joe has played a key role in several high-profile bankruptcies and restructurings, including Purdue Pharma, Endo International plc, FirstEnergy Solutions, LATAM Airlines, Constellation Enterprises, Seadrill Ltd., Residential Capital (GMAC Mortgage), and General Maritime Corp. His experience spans multiple industries, including energy, financial services, shipping, retail, and healthcare.

Services

- Bankruptcy, Reorganization + Creditors' Rights

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 2007)
 - Senior Articles and Notes Editor, American Criminal Law Review
- Brooklyn College (B.A., 2004)

Recognition

- The Legal Aid Society 2022 Pro Bono Publico Award
- TMA Turnaround of the Year 2021 for the pro bono representation of 2178 Atlantic Ave. HDFC
- Marvin Frankel Pro Bono Award (2018-2020)
- *Super Lawyers* – *New York Metro*, Rising Star (2014 – 2022)

Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Publications

- “The Day After: Navigating Post-Chapter 11 Trusts,” *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, December 2024.
- “Numerosity Unwound: Counting Votes on a Chapter 11 Plan,” *Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice*, February 2022.
- “Determining Diminution in Value: Key Issues on Valuing Adequate-Protection Claims,” *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, January 2020.
- “NDAs With Compelled Disclosure Are Critical to Reaching a Deal,” *New York Law Journal*, December 5, 2016.
- “I’m Adequately Protected; Now What? Measuring Diminution Value,” *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, April 2014.
- “Perjury,” *American Criminal Law Review*, Spring 2006.

Publications

November 11, 2025

Shifer Explores Challenges of Higher-Education Insolvencies

ABI Journal

May 22, 2025

Shifer Comments on Bankruptcy Judge’s Rejection of Emergency Loan

Bloomberg

April 8, 2025

23andMe Case Highlights Privacy Complexities In Ch. 11

Law360

March 31, 2025

Proposed 23andMe Bankruptcy Sale Raises Uncertainty Over Future of Customer Information