

Maribeth Thomas

Bankruptcy attorney who applies her knowledge and expertise to provide clients with effective representation to pursue their goals and obtain the desired results.

Maribeth focuses her practice primarily on Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights. As Senior Counsel, she proficiently navigates the intersection of bankruptcy law with state law. Knowledge of the system and the ability to listen and understand the issues that clients face, attention to detail, communication and problem solving skills are just a few of Maribeth's greatest strengths.

Maribeth has a comprehensive understanding of all bankruptcy aspects including collections, foreclosures, representation in bankruptcy cases and debtor's work. When clients are dealing with difficult situations, Maribeth provides counsel and offers problem-solving solutions and then works to come up with a collaborative positive result.

Maribeth's professional experience includes handling litigation and bankruptcy counsel for financial institutions, mortgage servicers, homeowners associations and automotive financing companies. She also has experience with collections litigation and collection of money judgements for both individuals and commercial clients. In addition, she has represented multiemployer trust funds with issues related to withdrawal liability and transactions to "evade or avoid" withdrawal liability, as well as controlled group liability along with multiemployer trust funds in contributing employers' bankruptcy proceedings nationwide to assert and protect the funds' interests as creditors.

Prior to joining Tucker Arensberg, P.C., Maribeth was a judicial law clerk for The Honorable Gregory L. Taddonio and The Honorable Judith K. Fitzgerald (ret.) in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. This valuable experience allows Maribeth to understand the procedures and nuances of the judges and the court. She has an eye toward knowing what the court wants. In addition to her federal clerkships, Maribeth worked for a boutique creditors' rights law firm in Pittsburgh. She also completed judicial clerkships with the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania and the Court of Common Pleas of Lawrence County.

Maribeth earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Presentations & Publications

- Essentials of Chapter 13 Practice. PBI 20th Annual Bankruptcy Institute, 2015
- Stern v. Marshall: Have we figured out what it means? PBI 17th Annual Bankruptcy Institute, 2012

Representative Experience

- Settlement for a commercial client that had been uncollectable for a significant period of time and obtained cash in a lump sum.

Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Business Succession Planning
- Privacy, Data Security & Technology
- ERISA Litigation

Professional + Community Affiliations

- Allegheny County Bar Association, Member



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- Allegheny County Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Judith K. Fitzgerald Western Pennsylvania Bankruptcy American Inn of Court, Member
- International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, Member
- Turn Around Management Association, Member
- Junior League of Pittsburgh, President (2020-2021), Executive Council Member and Board Member
- Pittsburgh Chapter of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Alumnae Association, Member

Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law (JD)
- University of Pittsburgh (BS)

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania