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Geoffrey S. Goodman is a partner and chair of Foley & Lardner LLP's Bankruptcy & Business Reorganizations Practice. Geoffrey's practice covers broad areas of bankruptcy and insolvency law and has focused on commodities and securities bankruptcies, as well as health care and energy bankruptcies. He is also a member of the Firm's Appellate Practice.

Geoffrey has represented chapter 11 debtors, official creditors' committees, ad hoc committees, trustees, secured lenders, purchasers of assets and unsecured creditors in chapter 11 cases, including some of the largest chapter 11 cases in the country. In addition, Geoffrey counsels clients in liquidations, workouts, assignments for the benefit of creditors and transactions and handles bankruptcy and creditors' rights litigation in both federal and state court.

Geoffrey has extensive experience in the area of commodities and securities bankruptcies, having represented a consortium of customers holding over \$100 million in claims in the *MF Global* bankruptcy case and serving as special commodities counsel to the chapter 7 trustee in the *Peregrine Financial Group, Inc.* bankruptcy. Geoffrey also served as counsel to one of the largest creditors in the multi-billion dollar chapter 11 case of *In re Refco, Inc.* in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York and as counsel to an Ad Hoc Committee of Customers in the billion dollar case of *In re Sentinel Management Group, Inc.* in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Geoffrey has counseled large mutual funds, hedge funds, futures commission merchants, exchanges and other entities in this area.

Geoffrey's practice also covers the areas of healthcare and energy bankruptcies, having served as counsel to the debtor and large secured and unsecured creditors in significant healthcare cases and counsel to the creditors' committee in the large chapter 11 cases of coal companies Horizon Natural Resources Company, Trinity Coal Corp., and Black Diamond Mining Company, LLC.

Prior to joining Foley, Geoffrey clerked for Judge Francis D. Murnaghan, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit.

Awards and Recognitions

- Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2023-2024)
- Recognized by *The Legal 500* for his work in finance – corporate restructuring, including bankruptcy (2014 and 2015)
- 2014 – 2016 *Illinois Super Lawyers*® lists and the 2009 *Illinois Super Lawyers–Rising Stars*® Edition.*

Sectors

- [Energy & Infrastructure](#)

Practice Areas

- [Appellate](#)
- [Bankruptcy & Business Reorganizations](#)
- [Financial Institutions](#)
- [Litigation](#)

Education

- The University of Illinois College of Law (J.D., summa cum laude, 1999)
 - Notes Editor, *Law Review*
 - Order of the Coif
- Illinois Wesleyan University (B.A., with honors, 1996)
 - Political Science

Admissions

- Maryland
- Illinois

*The Illinois Supreme Court does not recognize certifications of specialties in the practice of law and no award or recognition is a requirement