



Robert A. White

Of Counsel

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**MURTHA
CULLINA**

Education:

New York University School of Law

Tufts University

Description:

Robert White, of counsel, serves as a mediator in private and pro bono matters involving bankruptcy, insolvency, creditors' rights and commercial litigation matters.

He has over 30 years of experience in bankruptcy, commercial litigation, and workouts. Bob is a Distinguished Practitioner in Residence at Quinnipiac University School of Law where he teaches bankruptcy and commercial transactions. In this pandemic where courts are often not readily available to try cases, mediation provides a prompt and cost effective way of resolving disputes.

Bob has assisted debtors, creditors, committees, and trustees in all types of bankruptcy matters. He has counseled buyers and sellers of distressed assets both in and out of bankruptcy. His litigation experience encompasses preference, fraudulent conveyance, valuation, and director and officer liability matters. His commercial litigation practice involved property tax appeals, contracts, and shareholder disputes.

Before joining Murtha Cullina, Bob was an assistant district attorney with the Manhattan District Attorney's office where he dealt with homicides and white collar crime.

In 2018 the Governor appointed Bob to the 11-member Municipal Accountability Review Board that oversees distressed municipalities in Connecticut. He also serves on several committees of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

Engagements include:

- Representation of the Liquidating Custodian of AGC, Inc., a manufacturer of parts for the aerospace industry, in litigation against former directors of the company. As Counsel to the Creditors' Committee, we negotiated a return for unsecured creditors in a sale process that concluded within three weeks of our retention
- Representation of the Creditors' Committee in the Derecktor Shipyards LLC case pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court in Bridgeport. We have been involved in the sale of various assets of the shipyard which has closed
- Representation of Sigg Switzerland (USA), Inc. as a debtor in a Chapter 11. The company sold its business within 60 days of filing with the support of the Creditors' Committee and payment of the lender in full
- Representation of Chapter 11 Trustee in The Kasden Fuel Company, a major Connecticut fuel oil distributor
- Representation of the Creditors' Committee of Waterworks, Inc., a high-end retailer, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut in Bridgeport. We accomplished a sale within 60 days of the filing with a carve-out for the benefit of unsecured creditors. A plan was overwhelmingly confirmed by creditors a short time thereafter
- Representation of a Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Trust Advisors Stable Value Plus Fund in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut in Bridgeport. The Debtor was a \$265 million stable value fund that was placed in bankruptcy to prevent a run on the fund. Within four months of our appointment a joint liquidating plan of reorganization was filed with a 100% return to investors
- Representation of the operating receiver of several skilled nursing facilities during their Chapter 11

proceedings in the Western District of New York

- Assisted a small Connecticut not-for-profit hospital in its attempted restructuring and later represented its Chapter 7 trustee in the wind down of the hospital. The building was sold to a community group where it became a community health center
- Defense of an officer of a nursing home against a claim by a trustee for breach of fiduciary duty
- Representation of the sponsor of an assisted living facility in the Chapter 11 case
- Workout of mid-market company outside of bankruptcy following an adverse jury verdict
- Workout of several car dealerships
- Representation of a defendant in a significant preference claim in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York

Practices & Industries:

- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Long-Term Care

Bar & Court Admissions:

- Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

Memberships:

- American Bar Association, former Chair, Environmental and Mass Torts Subcommittee and member of the Chair and Vice Chair Committee of the Business Bankruptcy Committee
- Connecticut Bar Association, Executive Committee, Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section
- American Bankruptcy Institute

Recognition:

- 2019 Career Achievement Award from the Connecticut Bar Association Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section
- Board Certified from 1995-2017 in business bankruptcy by the American Bankruptcy Board of Certification
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James W. Cooper Life Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation