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Jessica Grossarth Kennedy represents individuals and companies that are facing financial difficulty, as well as secured and unsecured creditors, trustees, and creditors' committees in bankruptcy cases. She is a member of the Firm's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights practice. She represents debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees and trustees in formal bankruptcy proceedings and out of court workouts. Clients rely on Jess to counsel them through all aspects of their financial hardship, to not only save their assets and protect their equity, but to also support them through the process.

Jess has been involved in a variety of bankruptcy proceedings and has appeared in the District of Connecticut and the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. She has participated in numerous bankruptcy appeals to the Federal District Courts. Jess also represents individuals in bankruptcy proceedings experiencing issues as a result of, or incident to, a divorce.

While at Fairfield University, Jessica was a member of the women's Division I basketball team. She was a team captain her senior year, the same year the team won the MAAC Conference tournament and received an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament. Upon graduation, Jess earned a trip to San Francisco to try out professionally for the American Basketball League. In 2005, she was inducted into Fairfield University's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jess approaches all of her clients' challenges with the same drive, commitment and discipline she applied in becoming a collegiate Hall of Fame athlete. She continues to serve in a leadership role in her career with Pullman & Comley, and is chair of the firm's Diversity Committee. In that role, she has led the creation and implementation of a multi-layered diversity and inclusion program.

### Practice Areas

Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights; Government Finance

### Experience

- Successfully represented four Connecticut fitness facilities in their Chapter 11 proceedings

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- Represented corporate and individual debtors in successfully emerging from Chapter 11
- Represented creditors, debtors and trustees in Chapter 7 and 11 in litigation concerning claims objections, discharge and dischargeability of debts, preferences, fraudulent conveyances, injunction proceedings, relief from the automatic stay, executory contracts and unexpired leases
- Successfully negotiated settlements for creditors involved in bankruptcy litigation
- Represented creditors in bankruptcy appeals to the Federal District Court
- Represented debtors in the sale of their assets through bankruptcy proceedings
- Represented individuals in divorce proceedings
- Represented individuals in bankruptcy proceedings that have issues related to divorce proceedings
- Bond counsel to several municipalities in connection with bond issuances and refundings
- Underwriters' counsel with respect to the issuances of municipal bonds

## Bar and Court Admissions

Connecticut

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

## Education

Quinnipiac University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2001; Academic invitee on the *Quinnipiac Law Review*

Fairfield University, B.S., 1998

## Publications

The Bankruptcy Bench and Bar Collaborate to Increase Pro Bono Bankruptcy Services

*Connecticut Lawyer*, 03.2018

LCD Members Collaborate to Talk the Diversity Talk and Walk the Diversity Walk

*The Collaborative: LCD's Diversity Newsletter*, 01.2018

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Same-Sex Marriage Recognized as Valid in Non-Recognition State for Purposes of Interpreting the Bankruptcy Code

*Connecticut Law Tribune*, 06.16.2014

Legal Check-Ups: Maximizing Business Value With Preventative Care

*Fairfield County Business Journal*, 04.29.2014

Divorced - And Then Bankrupt

*Connecticut Law Tribune*, 08.17.2012

Restructuring at the Gym: Not Just Bodies but Debts, Too

*Club Industry*, 02.02.2012

## Alerts and Newsletters

Executive Order 10E and the Municipal Budget Process in 2021: Similar (But Not Quite Back) to "Normal"  
04.13.2021

The NRA's Chapter 11 Filing Takes Aim at the State of New York: Is it off Target?  
01.25.2021

New Bankruptcy Relief Provisions Brought to You by the 2021 Federal Appropriations Act  
12.31.2020

## Professional Affiliations

National Association of Bond Lawyers

Government Finance Officers Association

Connecticut Conference of Municipalities

Connecticut Council on Small Towns

Connecticut Bar Association - Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section, Executive Committee member and past chair

Connecticut Bar Association - LGBT Section, Executive Committee member and past chair

Connecticut Bar Association, Diversity & Inclusion Committee and Diversity Summit Subcommittee member

Turnaround Management Association - member

International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation - member

American Bankruptcy Institute

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Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity - board of directors; 2018/2019 Strategic Planning subcommittee member; 2017/2018 Branding Subcommittee member; 2015 Edwin Archer Randolph Awards Ceremony Host Committee member

### Honors & Recognitions

Named a Moffly Media Top Lawyer in Fairfield County, 2021 - Government and Administrative

Inducted into the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, April 2017

Recipient of the "Champion of Diversity" award from the *Fairfield County Business Journal*, April 2017

Recipient of the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund's "40 Women for the Next 40 Years" award, 2014

Named to the *Super Lawyers* "Connecticut Rising Stars" list in the area of bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights in 2010, 2011 and 2012

Named as a "New Leader of the Law" by the *Connecticut Law Tribune*, 2012

"40 Under 40" Business Leaders Award from the *Fairfield County Business Journal*, June 2010

Inducted into the Fairfield University Athletic Hall of Fame, 2005

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