

The Honorable Michael B. Kaplan was appointed as a bankruptcy judge on October 3, 2006, for the District of New Jersey. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Kaplan served as a Standing Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Trustee, as well as an appointed trustee in cases under Chapters 7, 11 & 12. Judge Kaplan received his A.B. degree from Georgetown University (1984) and his J.D. Degree from Fordham University School of Law (1987).

Over the past thirty years, Judge Kaplan has spoken to numerous bar associations and business organizations, and teaches as an adjunct professor at Rutgers University School of Law. He has authored several articles relating to bankruptcy issues and is a co-author of West's *Consumer Bankruptcy Manual* and *Consumer Bankruptcy Handbook*. Additionally, Judge Kaplan serves as an Associate Editor of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*.

Judge Kaplan has also served as Mayor and Councilman for the Borough of Norwood, NJ.