

VINCENT F. PAPALIA



Vincent F. Papalia was sworn in as a bankruptcy judge for the District of New Jersey on December 29, 2014, after a thirty-year career in private practice. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Papalia was a partner for twenty years with the law firm of Saiber LLC and the head of its Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Department. Prior to joining Saiber LLC, he was an associate and then a partner with Clapp & Eisenberg, P.C.

For virtually his entire career, Judge Papalia focused his practice on representing various parties-in-interest in bankruptcy and foreclosure-related litigation and proceedings before federal, state, and bankruptcy courts. He served for many years as a Court-appointed Mediator for the Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey and was Vice-Chair of the District V-A Ethics Committee from 2013 to 2014. He also served as Chair of the Debtor-Creditor Committee of the Essex County Bar Association.

Judge Papalia authored or co-authored numerous articles on bankruptcy and creditors' rights issues and has often spoken on those topics. While in private practice, Judge Papalia was regularly recognized by his peers in various publications listing top-rated lawyers by areas of practice and geographic location.

Judge Papalia graduated *magna cum laude* from Pace University with a B.B.A. in 1980 and from Fordham University School of Law in 1984, with *cum laude* honors.