



## Steven J. Boyajian

Partner

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Steven J. Boyajian, a member of our firm's Bankruptcy + Reorganizations group, focuses his practice on bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and litigation involving real estate and business disputes. He frequently represents financial institutions, private lenders, purchasers of distressed assets, landlords, title insurers, suppliers, and professional service providers.

### **Creditors' Rights**

Steve represents financial institutions and private lenders in the enforcement of their rights under credit documents, including through litigation, conduct of secured party sales, foreclosures, and workouts. He develops and executes offensive and defensive strategies for creditors who are confronted by insolvency related risks.

Steve has successfully worked to make his clients financially whole. After a borrower fraudulently transferred funds into a real estate holding company, he obtained full recovery of the money, with fees and interest, for the lender. In another matter, Steve helped a lender obtain full payment, fees, and interest in under a year, by negotiating the restructuring of a multimillion dollar credit facility.

### **Bankruptcy + Receivership**

Steve assists lenders, asset purchasers, landlords, trade creditors, insurers, creditors' committees and trustees in all stages of bankruptcy and receivership proceedings, including relief from stay and cash collateral hearings, preference and fraudulent transfer litigation, asset sales, and confirmation proceedings. His experience in bankruptcy and receivership allows him to foresee the legal risks his clients may be exposed to as their borrowers approach insolvency, allowing him to protect clients' interests and assets. He successfully helped a client, a secured creditor, get full recovery of its multimillion dollar claim, including interest and fees, from a debtor in Chapter 11 bankruptcy after a lengthy confirmation process involving competing plans of reorganization.

### **Real Estate Litigation**

Steve represents owners, lenders and title insurers in all real estate litigation, including contested foreclosures, challenges to the validity of mortgages, evictions, prescriptive easements and adverse possession, tax appeals, tax sales, and title insurance coverage matters. He has defended multiple claims concerning the alleged invalidity of consumer mortgages and pending foreclosures, including cases in a master docket of more than 800 cases in the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island.

### **Business Litigation**

Steve helps clients involved in all manner of business disputes, including litigation of professional liability matters, business torts, breach of contract claims, and shareholder disputes. He has a record of achieving success on clients' behalf, such as working with a team to obtain summary judgment in favor of a national actuarial firm which had faced allegations of

malpractice.

He contributes to the firm's [Data Privacy + Security Insider](#) blog.

### **Pro Bono + Community Involvement**

Steve is committed to pro bono work. He participates in the Rhode Island Bar Association's Elderly Pro Bono Program by assisting elderly individuals faced with collection actions. He is on the Town Council in Barrington, Rhode Island. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Day One, an organization which advocates for victims of sexual abuse and violence.

Prior to joining Robinson+Cole, Steve was with a boutique bankruptcy firm in Providence, Rhode Island, where he counseled clients on all aspects of receivership proceedings and related litigation and in all stages of bankruptcy. While in law school, he worked for the National Consumer Law Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

### **Services**

- Bankruptcy + Reorganizations
- Creditors' Rights
- Business Litigation + Dispute Resolution
- Litigation
- Title Insurance Litigation

### **Industries**

- Financial Institutions

### **Education**

- Boston College Law School (Juris Doctor, *cum laude*)
- Pomona College (Bachelors)
  - B.A., Politics

### **Admissions**

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- State of Rhode Island
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island

### **Recognitions**

Selected to the Rhode Island [Super Lawyers](#) list from 2018 to 2020

Selected as a Rising Star to the Rhode Island [Super Lawyers](#) list from 2015 to 2017

Recognized as a "40 Under Forty" winner by *Providence Business News* for 2017

Recognized in [Rhode Island Monthly](#)'s Professional Excellence in Law awards in the area of Bankruptcy And Workout from 2021 to 2025

Recognized as a 2023 Leader in the Law by *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly*

## **Leadership + Memberships**

### **U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Rhode Island**

Former Attorney Advisory Committee (2007 - 2012)

### **American Bankruptcy Institute**

#### **Rhode Island Bar Foundation**

Treasurer (2022 - present)

Board of Directors (2020 - present)

Member of Thomas Black Jr. Memorial Scholarship Committee (2013 - present)

Fellow

#### **Rhode Island Bar Association**

Member, Creditors' and Debtors' Rights Committee

### **Turnaround Management Association**

### **Massachusetts Bar Association**

#### **U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island**

Board of Bar Admissions

#### **Day One**

Board of Directors

#### **Barrington Town Council, Barrington, Rhode Island**

Former Town Council; Chairman, Ad Hoc Tax Exemption Committee

#### **Barrington Little League**

Director

#### **Barrington Land Conservation Trust**

Director