

Lynne F. Riley



Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy & Restructuring
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Litigation

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Lynne Riley provides intelligent and cost-effective representation to debtors, creditors, creditors' committees, trustees, and plan administrators in all types of business and consumer bankruptcy proceedings. Lynne has served on the panel of chapter 7 bankruptcy trustees for the District of Massachusetts since 1995. Lynne also serves as operating trustee and examiner in chapter 11 cases, and as creditor trustee under chapter 11 liquidation and reorganization plans.

Lynne has argued numerous appeals before the First Circuit Court of Appeals and the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit, and has authored amicus briefs for the United States Supreme Court, the First Circuit, and the Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals on significant bankruptcy issues. Her trial and appellate work as counsel and trustee has generated numerous published opinions. Lynne was the editor for the Norton Annual Survey of the Bankruptcy Law, Part II, covering consumer bankruptcy articles and chaired the amicus committee of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees for many years. She has written and presented extensively on business and consumer bankruptcy topics, and has published articles for the Norton Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law, Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice, American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, and Journal of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees.

Lynne taught consumer bankruptcy at Boston College Law School and New England School of Law, and contracts at University of Massachusetts Law School. Prior to becoming an attorney, Lynne was a public school teacher in Cambridge and worked as a real estate title examiner servicing Middlesex County. Lynne has served as a Land Court Title Examiner for the Massachusetts Land Court and participated as the legal member on Medical Malpractice Tribunals in the Massachusetts Superior Court for many years.

Admissions

- Massachusetts
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

Education and Experience

JD, *cum laude*, Suffolk University Law School

BA, *cum laude*, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

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Membership and Committees

- Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy
- Member, Education Committee, Region One, American College of Bankruptcy
- Member, American Bankruptcy Institute
- Member and former Chair, International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, New England Network
- Former Member, Pro Bono Committee, American College of Bankruptcy
- Former Board Member and Chair, Amicus Committee, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees
- Former Co-chair, Bankruptcy Section, Boston Bar Association
- Former Member, Education Committee, Boston Bar Association

Honors and Awards

- Massachusetts Super Lawyers, since 2004
- The Best Lawyers in America – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy, 2016-2025
- Massachusetts Super Lawyers, New England's "Top 100 Lawyers"
- Massachusetts Super Lawyers, New England's "Top 50 Women"
- Lawdragon, Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyer, 2020, 2022-2024
- Chambers USA, America's Leading Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers, since 2015
- Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, "Top Women of Law," 2019