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## EXPERIENCE

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1990-present     **Chapter 7 Panel Trustee, Northern District of Illinois**

- Administered more than 10,000 chapter 7 cases
- Pioneered use of Truth in Lending claims in trustee cases
- Administered more than 1,000 assets cases including many highly significant cases such as:
  - IFC Credit Corporation
  - McDonough and Associates
  - Arthur B. Adler and Associates, Ltd.
  - Goldblatt's Bargain Stores, Inc.
  - Discount Merchandise, Inc.
  - Teknek, Inc.

1999 - Present     **Law Offices of David P. Leibowitz, LLC**

*Founder and Managing Member*

- Practice built from solo practice in Lake County, Illinois to interstate firm with offices in Chicago, Skokie and Waukegan Illinois as well as Kenosha and Milwaukee Wisconsin.
- Represented David P. Leibowitz in his role as Assignee for the Benefit of Creditors of AKYR Enterprises, Inc.
- Practice focused on consumer bankruptcy and foreclosure defense in Illinois and Wisconsin
- Provided foreclosure defense training to attorneys throughout Wisconsin during mortgage foreclosure crisis under federally funded grant in partnership with Catey Doyle of Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee
- Practice presently serves almost exclusively as counsel to David P. Leibowitz in his role as Chapter 7 Trustee

1991-1999     **Freeborn & Peters**

Chicago, Illinois

*Partner - Head of Insolvency Practice*

- Led practice group of five attorneys and two paralegals.
- Successfully prosecuted to judgment leading case of: *Leibowitz v Parkway Bank & Trust Co (In re Image Worldwide, Ltd)*, 139 F3d 574 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1998)
- Confirmed numerous chapter 11 cases and represented many secured creditors in real estate reorganization cases

- Represented Creditors Committee in Straight Arrow Products, Inc., (Allentown PA) paying over 65% dividend to unsecured creditors

1976-1990      **Schwartz Cooper Kolb & Gaynor Chtd.**      Chicago, Illinois  
*Associate, Partner from 1980-1990*

- On brief in *In re UNR Industries*, 736 F.2d 1136 (7th Cir. 1984) establishing the concept of “legal representative” in mass tort bankruptcy cases
- Represented Hon. John Powers Crowley, trustee in significant embezzlement-defalcation case, *In re Cooper & Cooper*
- Won appeal in leading case of *Kramer v. Exchange National Bank of Chicago*, 118 Ill. 2d 277, 515 N.E. 2d 57, 113 Ill. Dec. 248 (1987)
- Recovered hidden assets utilizing fraudulent transfer and RICO theories in *Leibowitz v. Saleh (In re Discount Merchandise)*, (1994 Bankr. LEXIS 29 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1994) an international bust-out case
- 1990-present **American Bankruptcy Institute**      Washington, DC
- **Member, past chair - Unsecured Creditors Committee Subcommittee Contributor to Creditors’ Committee Handbook)**
- **Past co-chair – Commercial Fraud Committee – Editor in Chief and Principal Author of ABI Fraud Manual**
- **Past co-chair – Consumer Bankruptcy Committee**
- **Member of Board of Directors**
- **Co-chair- Task Force on Individual Chapter 11 cases**
- Author of numerous articles in American Bankruptcy Institute Journal
- Speaker at numerous American Bankruptcy Institute conferences

1998-2000      **International Law Institute**      Washington, DC  
*Senior Faculty Advisor*

- Developed and led insolvency training for judges and bankruptcy trustees in Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia
- Developed and published Mongolian Bankruptcy Trustee’s Handbook
- Organized Mongolian Bankruptcy Trustees Association
- Served as delegate to Asian Development Bank Insolvency Conference in Manila, Philippines (January, 1999)

#### **National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees**

- Past editor and frequent contributor to NABTalk, quarterly journal of National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees.

- Frequent speaker at NABT Conferences
- Past member of the Board of Directors

**Chicago Bar Association** Chicago, Illinois  
**Member and past chair of Arbitration Law Committee**

- Developed initial plan and rules for court-annexed arbitration in Cook County, Illinois

1974-1976 **Illinois Appellate Court** Chicago, Illinois  
**Judicial Clerk to Hon. John C. Hayes**

**Member** – American Bar Association  
 American Bankruptcy Institute  
 Chicago Bar Association  
 Illinois State Bar Association  
 Kenosha County Bar Association  
 Lake County Bar Association  
 Wisconsin Bar  
 National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees

**Admitted:** Illinois and Wisconsin, Third, Seventh and Tenth Circuits Courts of Appeals. District Courts in Illinois, Indiana, Maryland and Wisconsin.

## EDUCATION

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- Loyola University of Chicago, JD *cum laude*, 1974 (Alpha Sigma Nu honor society)
- Northwestern University, BA 1970 (Economics)

## PRO BONO

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- Lake County Bar Association, Pro Bono Committee
- Prairie State Legal Services, Waukegan, Illinois
- CARE volunteer

## HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS – PUBLIC SERVICE

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- Recipient of 2006 Excellence in Pro Bono Service Award from United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- Recipient of 2007 Pro Bono Award – Volunteer Legal Program – Lake County Bar Association
- Recipient of 2010 Liberty Bell Award from Circuit Court for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, Lake County Illinois for “extraordinary service to the justice system”
- Board Certified in both business and consumer bankruptcy – American Board of Certification

- Fellow of the Wisconsin Law Foundation
- Former Member and past president of North Shore School District 112 Board of Education, Highland Park, Illinois
- Former Member and past president of Highland Park Public Library Board of Trustees
- Frequent contributor to Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education publications and seminars on bankruptcy related topics
- Former Member of Board of Directors and past Secretary – South Central Community Services, Inc., Chicago, Illinois
- Recognized as *Super Lawyer*, *Best Lawyer in America*, *Law Dragon 500 (Bankruptcy)*, *Leading Lawyers* and *Martindale Hubbell (Av rating)*.