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Mr. Norgaard has achieved the designation of “Preeminent” by Martindale-Hubbell, the acknowledged, independent standard in ranking the skills of experienced attorneys. This is the most coveted ranking for legal competence and ethics an attorney can achieve and is the result of a confidential survey of attorneys and Judges. Mr. Norgaard has been elected a “Super Lawyer” in New Jersey Magazine’s annual survey since its commencement. He was also selected as one of the “Best Lawyers in New Jersey” repeatedly and has consistently received the highest ratings in surveys among his peers.

Mr. Norgaard has lectured and written continually for a wide variety to publications since 1980 and is often interviewed by various media sources such as the Bergen Record, the Associated Press, The Star Ledger and various other media outlets. He is Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall School of Law and has served as a Master of the Bankruptcy Inn of Court. He has been appointed to many different fiduciary positions by state and federal courts including attorney for Debtors, Creditor’s Committees and Trustees. He has served as Special Master, Receiver and Special Discovery Master as well as Special Mediator to mediate and resolve the most complex issues involving the interplay of matrimonial, real estate, tax, criminal and bankruptcy law.

Mr. Norgaard has practiced insolvency law since his admission in 1976 to the State and Federal Bars of New Jersey and New York. In 1980 he was one of the largest filers of chapter 11 in New Jersey. Since that time he has represented a wide variety of entities in bankruptcy and insolvency matters including thousands of consumers, over one hundred banks, landlords and creditors in significant proceedings such as the Chapter 11’s of Yugo Car, A&P and Western Union (New Valley) Chapter 11. Although Mr. Norgaard is widely respected for his pro bono work with the underprivileged, his representative clients include General Mills, The Provident Bank, Bank of New Jersey, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Memberships

- Chairman, Bergen County Bar Association, Debtor-Creditor Section 1995 to date
- Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyer’s Foundation 2002 to 2008
- Chairman, New Jersey Bar Association Bankruptcy Section Committee for Pro Bono Services 1995 to 2007
- Mediator, Bankruptcy Mediation Program 1995 to date

- Member, New Jersey Bar Association Pro Bono section 2000 to date

Most Notable Awards

- Super Lawyers, Bankruptcy 2001 to Present
- Top lawyers in New Jersey 201 Magazine 2001 to Present
- First Recipient, New Jersey Bar Association Pro Bono Award May 15, 2003
- Equal Justice Medal, Legal Services of New Jersey Nov. 28, 2000
- New Jersey Bar Association Bankruptcy Law Section Award April 11, 1997
- Bergen County Legal Services Pro Bono Award June 19, 1986
- Reginald Heber Smith Fellow June 1976