

Philip Bentley was sworn in as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York on September 7, 2022. He received his B.A. degree *cum laude* in 1981 from Yale College and his J.D. degree *cum laude* in 1984 from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone scholar.

Prior to joining the Court, Judge Bentley was a partner in the bankruptcy and restructuring department of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP. His practice focused on complex litigation in bankruptcy courts, as well as other federal and state courts. In addition to representing debtors, trustees and examiners, he frequently litigated on behalf of official committees and creditor groups in large bankruptcies, including Purdue Pharma, Puerto Rico, Residential Capital, Madoff Investment Securities, General Motors, W.R. Grace, Adelphia Communications, WorldCom, Dow Corning and SGL Carbon.

Judge Bentley is a regular speaker on bankruptcy issues. He is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and the Federal Bar Council's Bankruptcy Litigation Committee. Prior to his appointment, he was a member of the advisory board for the American Bankruptcy Institute's annual New York City Bankruptcy Conference, as well as a longstanding member of the Policy Committee of Human Rights Watch.