

For more than 25 years, Nick Gatto has been counselling public and private entities on a range of corporate finance strategies including capital markets investments, bankruptcy, workout and restructures.

Nick represents borrowers, lenders, and investors in the financing of acquisitions, working capital, refinancings and consolidations, and debtor-in-possession operations, among other matters. Formerly a corporate finance partner with Holland & Knight LLP, Nick has negotiated and closed a number of sophisticated financings, both domestic and international, including syndicated institutional loans, privately placed notes exempt from registration under Rule 144A, asset-based finance, real estate finance, structured finance, mezzanine finance, project finance, insurance company private placements, and commercial hard money finance.

Nick began his legal career in the business reorganization group of the law firm Weil Gotshal & Manges, the nation's largest corporate chapter 11 practice. He has appeared in the bankruptcy courts of the states of New York, New Jersey, Florida, Ohio, Indiana, and Connecticut. Nick continues to advise and represent creditor clients in all aspects of bankruptcy matters, including claims resolution, defense of preference actions, purchase of assets and businesses out of bankruptcy, stay relief, and the chapter 11 plan process. Nick has also represented a number of financial institutions and other creditor constituencies in out-of-court workouts and in the exercise of secured creditor remedies.

Professional and Civic Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association
- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Banking Law Committee, Bar Association of Erie County
- Turnaround Management Association
- Buffalo Niagara Partnership CanAm Council
- Board of Education, Trinity Christian School, West Seneca, NY
- Chairman of the Board of Directors, Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc., Angola, NY
- Endowment Fund Committee, Trinity Lutheran Church, West Seneca, NY

Publications

- Author, Institutional Knowledge Key to Lending Success, *Buffalo Law Journal*, October 12, 2015
- Editor, *Collier on Bankruptcy*



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Admissions

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U.S. District Courts for the
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Education

Cornell Law School, J.D.
SUNY Binghamton, B.A., with high
honors

- Editor, *A Practical Guide to the Bankruptcy Reform Act*, H. Miller and M. Cook
- Author, Disclosure in Chapter 11 Reorganizations, 70 *Cornell L. Rev.* 733

Presentations

- Presenter, “Negotiating, Drafting, and Working with Bank Loan Documents,” Monroe County Bar Association, March 5, 2019
- Panelist, “LLC Mistakes to Avoid in Everyday Business,” National Business Institute, August 25, 2016

