

Richard Levin Papers on the Creation of the 1978 United States Bankruptcy Code

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Summary Information

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| Abstract | <p>Richard Levin was a distinguished New York based bankruptcy lawyer who served as assistant counsel to the House Judiciary Committee between 1975 and 1978. He dedicated those years to the penning of US Federal Bankruptcy Code. Richard Levin Documents on the Creation of the 1978 United States Bankruptcy Code is composed of a collection of research reports, drafts, correspondence, and other documents that describe the creation and follow the progress of the 1978 US Bankruptcy Code largely during the years 1967-1978 with supplementary information from years 1933, 1934, 1959, 1960, 1966, and Bankruptcy Statistics Tables dated 1960-1969.</p> |

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Biography/History

Richard Levin, a distinguished New York based bankruptcy lawyer, served as counsel to a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee between 1975 and 1978. He dedicated those years to the penning of US Federal Bankruptcy Code. After working on US Bankruptcy Code, Levin was a shareholder at Stutman, Treister & Glatt from 1978-1994. Then he moved to Whittaker Corporation where he served as chief financial officer and general counsel from 1994-1997. In 1997 Levin left Whittaker Corporation to become a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. In 2007 Levin switched firms to join Cravath, Swaine & Moore and continued his corporate restructuring, insolvency and bankruptcy practice there until 2015 when he joined Jenner & Block, where he is currently a partner and member of their Bankruptcy, Workout and Corporate Reorganization Practice. Levin's additional professional experience includes the position of Consultant to the World Bank and to the Central Bank of Brazil from 2001 to 2004, serving as a faculty member of the Federal Judicial Center from 2001 to 2007, and teaching at Harvard Law School in 2004 and 2006. Richard Levin has been named one of the world's leading corporate restructuring practitioners and is a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy law in continuing legal education programs. The Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 became effective October 1, 1979, completely replacing the former Bankruptcy Act of 1989.

Scope and Contents

The Richard Levin Documents on the Creation of the 1978 United States Bankruptcy Code are divided into series as previously organized prior to accession. There are 30 series, 2 of which are further divided into subseries. The series include research--correspondence, reports, statements and articles--on the history of bankruptcy law, Chapter XIII, Bankruptcy Exemptions, Bankruptcy Preferences, Marital Property, and Stockbrokers Insolvency. The collection also includes Meeting Minutes; two reports for the Commission on Bankruptcy Laws; copies of HR 10792, HR 16643, HR 31 and HR32; correspondence and reports from the National Bankruptcy Conference; correspondence, statements and reports from the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights; Judicial Determinations; Bankruptcy Statistics Tables, Bankruptcy Act Hearings including HR 31, HR 32 and HR 8200; Preliminary Drafts for code sections on administrative powers, automatic stay, case commencements, commodities brokers and dealers,

bankruptcy court procedures, creditors and claims, debtors duties and benefits, definitions, estate liquidation, and uniform exemptions act; Pre-Preliminary Drafts covering general provisions, estate liquidations, municipal code, drafting notes, officers of the estate, organization of the bill, preferences, railroads reorganization, securities, stockbroker liquidations, crimes and criminal procedures, the transition period, and wage earner plans; 94th Congress Committee Prints; Advisory Committee Notes and Correspondence; HR 6 and Correspondence including from the 95th Congress, comments on HR 6, and future technical and murphy letters; Committee Prints, Drafts and Amendments; Subcommittee Prints, Drafts and Amendments; HR 8200 Amendments, Changes and Committee Prints; Floor Files from October 1977; Discussion Drafts and Technical Changes; Conference Files on HR 8200 and S 2266; 95th Congress House Amendments; DeCocini Amendments and Congressional Records; Notes on Bankruptcy Legislation; Los Angeles General HR 8200 Files; Tax Files; Legislative History; Emergency Rule Research Materials; and Miscellaneous Correspondence, Drafts and Reports.

Bulk dates are 1967-1978 with supplementary information from years 1933, 1934, 1959, 1960, 1966, and Bankruptcy Statistics Tables dated 1960-1969. The collection also includes some undated materials.

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged into 30 series, 3 of which have been further arranged into subseries. The original organizational structure has largely been retained so the documents correspond with electronic files. The series layout showing corresponding electronic file numbers is as follows:

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