

# Speaker Biography



## William J. Perlstein

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Co-Managing Partner, WilmerHale

William Perlstein, co-chair of WilmerHale's Management Committee and former head of the firm's Bankruptcy and Commercial Department, represents creditors' committees, bank groups, debtors, trustees and claims acquirers in bankruptcy and workout cases around the country.

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### Practice

Mr. Perlstein's practice has included significant representations of creditors' committees, bank groups, debtors, trustees and claims acquirers in many bankruptcy and workout cases throughout the United States, including *EPIC Associates*, *AM International*, *AOV Industries*, *LTV Corporation*, *General Development Corporation*, *SpectraVision*, *Lomas Financial* and the *Orange County* bankruptcy.

### Practice Focus

Bankruptcy and  
Commercial

Mr. Perlstein has had significant roles in the drafting of bankruptcy and bank receivership legislation, including amendments affecting repurchase and swap agreements. He has testified before committees of both houses of Congress and presented a paper on bank insolvencies before the Organization for Economic and Cooperative Development in Paris.

### Education

- J.D., [Yale Law School](#), 1974,  
Managing Editor,  
*Yale Law Journal*
- B.A., *summa cum laude*, [Union College](#), 1971
- , [London School of Economics and Political Science](#),  
1970

### Recent Highlights

Mr. Perlstein's recent experience includes:

- Serving as counsel to the debtors in the PSINet and Iridium Chapter 11 proceedings
- Representing Verizon in connection with its agreement with NextWave and NextWave's dispute with the federal government regarding spectrum licenses

### Professional Activities

Mr. Perlstein is a past member of the Board of Directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute, a Fellow and Counsel to the American College of Bankruptcy, a member of the American Law Institute and a member of the American Bar Association Business Bankruptcy Committee, where he is chair of the Subcommittee on Legislation. He appears frequently on continuing legal education panels, including several that recently have addressed issues arising in technology and communications industry bankruptcies, and on panels concerning law firm management issues.

### Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Connecticut
- New York

### Clerkships

The Hon. Marvin E.  
Frankel, US District  
Court, Southern District  
of New York

### Honors and Awards

- Recognized for exceptional standing in the legal community in [Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business](#), 2005 and 2006 editions
- Recognized as a leading practitioner of bankruptcy and commercial law in the Legal Media Group's *Guide to the World's Leading Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers*, 6th Edition
- Selected by peers for inclusion in [The Best Lawyers in America](#), in the areas of bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights for the second consecutive year

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- Recognized as a leader in insolvency law in *Who's Who Legal, The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2005*
- Listed in *Washingtonian* magazine's "Top Lawyers" in Washington, DC, 2004