

# PARTNER PROFILE

## Matthew Schwartz, CPA/CFF, CFE, CIRA

### Partner

A Partner in the Insolvency and Litigation Services Department, Matt co-manages a division at Bederson that from 2012 to 2018 was awarded more than 30 medals in New Jersey Law Journal's "Best Of" surveys for forensic accounting, bankruptcy valuations, litigation accounting, business valuations, economic damages, expert witness testimony, corporate investigations and matrimonial financial expertise.

Having appeared and testified in Bankruptcy and State Courts in New Jersey and surrounding states, Matt has been retained by fiduciaries, creditors, and other parties in bankruptcies and civil litigations. He has also uncovered numerous defalcations, leading to recoveries and, in some cases, arrests.

In addition to his financial investigative work, Matt has completed the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediator's Civil Mediation Training Program and a Civil Mediation Apprenticeship.

Matt has lectured on insolvency and tax matters for numerous professional organizations and developed and taught courses on tax, EDP investigations and insolvency as well as college-level courses at Warren County Community College and Kean University.

Matt is a member of numerous professional organizations. He has chaired the Bankruptcy Task Force at the AICPA, served as President of the AIRA from 2014-2015, and served as Treasurer of the NJAPM from 2017-2018. He has also authored several articles for the same organizations.

Matt is Chairman of the Board of Alzheimer's New Jersey. He is a Past President of the West Orange Chamber of Commerce and a Past President of the West Orange Lions Club. He served as Treasurer and a Capital Campaign Steering Committee Member of Latino Justice PRLDEF.

Matt majored in economics at the University of Virginia where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and graduated with distinction. Matt also earned an MBA in Accounting from Rutgers University.

He and his family reside in Somerset County.



### EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

B.A. Economics, University of Virginia – with distinction

MBA in Accounting, Rutgers University

CPA/CFF (Certified Public Accountant/Certified in Financial Forensics)

CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner)

CIRA (Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor)

### SERVICES

Insolvency and Reorganization

Forensic Accounting

Turnaround Consulting

Litigation Services

Workout Consulting

Shareholder Disputes

Attorney Trust Accounting

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

NJCPA (New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants)

AICPA (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants) –  
Chaired Bankruptcy Task Force

ACFE (Association of Certified Fraud Examiners)

AIRA (Association of Insolvency and Restructuring  
Advisors) – President, 2014-2015

TMA (Turnaround Management Association)

ABI (American Bankruptcy Institute)

### NOTABLE CASES

NJ Affordable -  
Accountants to the Receiver  
Accountants to the Trustee

Ames Department Store - Accountants to the Liquidating Trustee

Federal Mogul - Accountants to the Futures Representative

### RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Commencement Speaker – Rutgers Professional  
Accounting MBA Program, Rutgers Business School,  
Newark, New Jersey, 8/18/17

CLEs on Trust Accounting – Defending Against  
an Attorney Ethics Grievance – 12/9/16

Surviving an Audit, Essex County Bar Association, 3/12/17

Tax Implications of §363 Sales, ABI (American  
Bankruptcy Institute) 2017 Spring Meeting, 4/21/17

### AWARDS

FBI – Work on largest fraud/bankruptcy case in NJ history  
(Affordable Housing), 2010

West Orange Chamber of Commerce –  
Outstanding Service to Chamber and Community, 2013

AIRA-Emanuel M. Katten Award for service to  
the organization and the profession