

# **BIOGRAPHY**

Edward Neiger started off as a bankruptcy lawyer, training under the legendary Harvey R. Miller at the bankruptcy and litigation powerhouse Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, where he earned his stripes working on the bankruptcies of Enron and WorldCom. He started his own firm in 2008 and merged with ASK in 2012.

Edward is now the co-managing partner of ASK LLP, one of the leading mass tort, sexual abuse and bankruptcy law firms in the country, with client recoveries and settlements totaling more than \$500,000,000. Edward has an impressive roster of mass tort and bankruptcy case involvement to his name including:

 PG&E, where he represented one of the former executives of the City of Paradise—ground zero for the California wildfires—and sat on the Official Torts Committee, where he helped negotiate a \$12 billion settlement on behalf of the wildfire victims;

- Boy Scouts of America, where he was one of the founders of the Coalition for Abused Scouting for Justice, where he helped negotiate a \$2.8 billion settlement on behalf of sex abuse victims; and
- Purdue Pharma and Mallinckrodt, where he represented the Ad Hoc Committee of Individual Victims, comprising of over 60,000 victims of the opioid crisis and helped negotiate a \$1 billion settlement on their behalf.

Ed has devoted his career to standing up against powerful people, entities and government, taking an aggressive stance to fight and recover money for victims, including representing:

- wildfire victims who have lost all save for the clothes on their back;
- female prisoners who were sexually abused by male guards;
- children abused by clergy and other people in positions of power;
- victims of the opioid crisis and their families;
- victims of cancer-causing fire-foam and other "forever" chemicals; and
- teenage victims of Juul who became addicted;

#### Among many others.

Ed is a passionate advocate for those affected by the opioid crisis. He is on the board of 2EndTheStigma and works to help those suffering from addiction, including those incarcerated, get the help they need. At the same time, he fights to hold those responsible for the opioid crisis, especially governments and elected officials, accountable.

In the past, he helped Holocaust survivors, including his own grandfather, recover monetary damages from the German government.

He is a member of the New York City Bar Association's Imperfect History Committee, which explores and uncovers the racist roots of the NYC Bar Association In 2020, Edward was recognized as one of the American Bankruptcy Institute's '40 Under 40' award winners.

Ed is the author of the New York Law Journal's "Mass Torts Roundup" and "Bankruptcy Update" columns.

All of Ed's grandparents are Holocaust survivors and came to the United States as refugees after the Second World War. He is a Brooklyn native and a first-generation college graduate, earning a JD from Fordham University School of Law where he served on the prestigious Law Review.

He lives in New York with his wife and three children.

# **EDUCATION**

Edward graduated from Touro College *summa cum laude*, where he served as the president of the Pre-Law Society and editor-in-chief of the Pre-Law Journal. He was awarded the Touro College Service and Leadership Award at graduation.

At Fordham Law School, he served on the Law Review and received the Archibald R. Murray Award for Public Service.

### **AFFILIATIONS**

Edward is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States, the Southern District of New York, the Eastern District of New York, and in the State of New York.

Ed is a former member of the board of the New York Institute of Credit, which awarded him with the first Annual Future Leader Award.

He is also on the Professional Ethics Committee and Bankruptcy Committee of the New York City Bar, and on the Unsecure Trade Creditors committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute.

Ed is an affiliate member on the Bankruptcy & Corporate Reorganization Committee

#### PRACTICE AREAS

Bankruptcy, Creditor's Rights and Litigation.

## **PANELS**

Epiq Global's Special Masters Summit – "Mass Torts in Bankruptcy" (June 8, 2022).

Class Action Money & Ethics Conference – "Class Action and the Global Economy" (May 2, 2022).

ABA Business Law Section - "Issues in Opioid Bankruptcies" (April 1, 2022).

Fordham Law Review Symposium - "Mass Torts Evolve" (February 25, 2022).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Other Publications, Oct 12, 2023

Why Talc Claimants' Experts Should Fear New Jersey Courts

New York Times, Jun 20, 2023

Latest Developments in Toxic Torts, Sexual Abuse and Other Notable Litigations

New York Times, Jun 20, 2023

Recent Developments in Hair Product, Juul and Tylenol Litigations

New York Times, Jun 12, 2023

Despite Its Plan Objections, UST Also Won In Purdue Ch. 11

New York Times, Jun 2, 2023

Second Circuit Establishes 7-Factor Test for Nonconsensual Releases in Purdue Pharma Bankruptcy Reversal

ABI Journal, Jun 1, 2023

Navigating Crypto Issues Within Preference Litigation

ABI Journal, Nov 17, 2022

The Evolution of Future Claims Representatives

Unsecured Trade Creditors' Rights Journal, Dec 9, 2021

A Bi-Annual Report on the Legal Developments Affecting Unsecured Trade Creditors in Bankruptcy

Unsecured Trade Creditors' Rights Journal, Nov 12, 2021

A Bi-Annual Report on the Legal Developments Affecting Unsecured Trade Creditors in Bankruptcy

New York Times, Sep 2, 2021

Bankruptcy Update – Let J&J File for Bankruptcy

New York Times, Sep 1, 2021

Bankruptcy Update - In Defense of Purdue Pharma's Bankruptcy Plan

New York Times, Aug 20, 2021

Bankruptcy Update – Malls Owners Seek Restructuring Under Chapter 11

New York Times, Jul 6, 2021

Mass Torts Update – Opioid, Sexual Abuse, Weed Killer and IUD Litigation Developments

New York Times, May 12, 2021

Bankruptcy Update – No Vacancy: Three Hotels Succumb to

Pandemic-Related Pressures

New York Times, Apr 1, 2021

Developments in CPAP Machine, Weedkiller and Other Litigations

New York Times, Mar 12, 2021

Bankruptcy Update – Restructurings Following COVID-19 And Oil Price War Pressures

Other Publications, May 15, 2015

Are Attorneys' Fees Incurred in Defending Preference Action Recoverable Against the Estate? One Court Says "Yes"

ABI Journal, Apr 9, 2015

Second Circuit Prioritizes Plain Language of the Bankruptcy Code over Comity Principles

New York Times, Oct 28, 2011

Judge Rakoff Deals Blow to Madoff Trustee