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JOHN KETTERING is a partner at Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP. He is a member of the Business & Corporate, Bankruptcy, and the Commercial Litigation Practice Groups.

With over 10 years of experience, Mr. Kettering guides clients through complex corporate transactions and business litigation matters. His strategic approach, attention to detail, and advocacy skills assist companies navigating all types of commercial concerns.

Mr. Kettering has successfully steered clients through purchase and sale agreements, joint ventures, and corporate restructurings. His understanding of corporate law allows him to structure deals that protect his clients' interests while maximizing value. He frequently counsels clients on transactional due diligence, asset protection, and business formation guidance. He has represented and provided counsel to a variety of businesses which include publicly traded corporations, financial institutions, closely held corporations, partnerships, non-profit organizations, and sole proprietors.

A strong courtroom advocate, Mr. Kettering represents clients in commercial disputes involving breach of contract claims, shareholder and partnership disagreements, collection cases, and real estate disputes. He has experience before trial courts and appellate courts in both state and federal proceedings. Mr. Kettering has also successfully argued matters before commercial arbitration panels.

Mr. Kettering has also successfully represented both creditors and debtors in bankruptcy courts across the country. This includes secured creditors, unsecured creditors, and counterparties to executory contracts to both protect their interests and maximize recovery. His experience includes leading the unsecured creditors committee in complex Chapter 11 proceedings resulting in a recovery to creditors.

Mr. Kettering is a member of the Mercer County Bar Association, Judith K. Fitzgerald Bankruptcy Inns of Court, Pennsylvania Bar Association, and American Bar Association. He has previously published articles in *The Pennsylvania Lawyer* as well as the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Bar News newsletter. Mr. Kettering has been selected as a *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star* in the area of Business and Corporate. He has also been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*[®] since 2021 for his practice in Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Nonprofit and Charities Law, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights, and Insolvency and Reorganization Law.

Prior to joining Pietragallo, Mr. Kettering served as a judicial intern for Judge Carlotta M. Böhm in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kettering earned his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh Law School, cum laude. While there, he served as the production editor of the *University of Pittsburgh Tax Review*. He also published *Dr. Strangetax: Or, Why Pennsylvania Should Stop Worrying and Just End the Film Tax Credit*, 11 PITT. TAX REV. 69 (2012). During his tenure there, he was awarded with the Gibson Award, the W. Edward Sell Award, the American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence, and Cali Awards for Bankruptcy, Business Organizations, and Securities Arbitration. He received his B.A. in Economics and History, *cum laude*, from the University of Pittsburgh as a member of the Dean's Honor List.

Mr. Kettering is admitted to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and Ohio. He is also admitted to the United States District Court for the Eastern District and Western District of Pennsylvania.

Publications

"A Guide to Mergers of Nonprofit Entities," *The Pennsylvania Lawyer*, January/February 2020

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

Ohio

U.S. District Court – Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court – Western District of Pennsylvania