Andrew J. Sackett is Of Counsel in Caplin & Drysdale's Washington, D.C., office.

Services

Mr. Sackett focuses on representing mass tort committees that safeguard the rights of victims, such as the committees serving as fiduciaries representing holders of asbestos claims in asbestos bankruptcy trusts. He frequently consults on legislative issues affecting these clients. Mr. Sackett also represents individuals, creditors' committees, unions, and governmental and nonprofits entities in civil litigation.

Highlights

With a J.D. and a Ph.D. from Yale, Mr. Sackett's practice and interests place him at the cutting edge of civil tort law and public policy. He is actively involved in trust matters involving such entities as the Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust, the Federal-Mogul Asbestos Personal Injury Trust, and the Pittsburgh Corning Corporation Asbestos Personal Injury Settlement Trust, which hold money in trust for people injured by exposure to asbestos.

In litigation, he has represented asbestos claimants in major bankruptcy cases such as those of W.R. Grace & Co. and Garlock Sealing Technologies, LLC, where contested estimation proceedings with hundreds of millions of dollars were at stake. Other representative matters include prosecuting fraud and conspiracy claims arising out of a municipal bond transaction against a national financial institution, and representing entities as diverse as a trust in litigation against the office of the attorney general and economic loss plaintiffs against General Motors in the ignition switch controversy.

Prior to joining Caplin & Drysdale, Mr. Sackett practiced union-side labor and employment law in California.

Professional Activities

Mr. Sackett publishes frequent commentaries on issues relevant to the intersection of mass tort litigation, asbestos-driven bankruptcies, and the administration of settlement trusts. He regularly volunteers as an advising attorney for the Employment Justice Center's Workers' Rights Clinic, helping low-income workers.

Recent News

- Caplin & Drysdale Strengthens Global Tax and Litigation Services, Caplin & Drysdale, January 8, 2014
Recent Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, Asbestos Bankruptcy Update, Trial Attorneys Come Together for Information Exchange, TACTIX, October 1, 2015
- Panelist, Bankruptcy Update and the Basics of Getting Your Claims Paid, 2014 Annual Convention, American Association for Justice, July 29, 2014

Recent Publications

- "Supreme Court Rejects Stripping-Off of Underwater Mortgages in Bankruptcy", International Law Office, June 26, 2015
- "Supreme Court Considers Junior Liens on 'Underwater' Property", International Law Office, May 22, 2015
- "GM Tests the Limits of Liability Post-Bankruptcy", with Todd E. Phillips, Trial Magazine, November 17, 2014
- "Changes to the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act Approved", International Law Office, October 10, 2014