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Mr. Califano has over 28 years' experience in representing creditors and debtors in all aspects of insolvency-related matters, including bankruptcy and state law insolvency proceedings, litigation and related business transactions. He has special expertise in representing parties in non-bankruptcy alternatives such as assignments for the benefit of creditors, receiverships and dissolutions, along with equipment leasing and commercial financing. Working in collaboration with Cooper's other practice groups, Mr. Califano has successfully represented a wide range of individuals and institutional clients' interests. He currently is the chair of Cooper's Bankruptcy & Insolvency Group.

Mr. Califano is active in the bankruptcy bar leading several national and regional bankruptcy organizations and is a frequent speaker and writer on bankruptcy-related topics. In September 2011, Mr. Califano testified in Washington, D.C. before the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law of the House Judiciary Committee. He spoke in his role as an experienced bankruptcy practitioner in support of H.R. 2533, the "Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Venue Reform Act of 2011" introduced by Representatives Lamar Smith and John Conyers, Jr. Mr. Califano also co-chairs an ad hoc group of bankruptcy lawyers from across the country seeking fair bankruptcy venue reform and has led lobbying efforts for legislative change. In June 2013, as President of the California Bankruptcy Forum he helped to develop and create the Pro Bono Project, a statewide program to assist indigent debtors with access to the courts.

Mr. Califano is currently a member of the Commercial Law League of America ("CLLA"), the California Bankruptcy Forum ("CBF"), the Insolvency Law Committee ("ILC") of the Business Law Section ("BLS") of the State Bar of California and the Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum ("BABF"). Since 1987, Mr. Califano has been a member of the State Bar of California and is licensed to practice in all state and federal courts located in California. He was admitted to practice before the United State Supreme Court in 2004.