

# Yara Kass-Gergi

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Yara Kass-Gergi is a bankruptcy and restructuring lawyer who serves both debtors and creditors as clients, providing them with valuable assistance in matters involving financial restructuring, debt collection and settlement, and various types of bankruptcy applications, filings, and processes.

She works with a cross-section of the firm's clients, which include organizations involved in health care, higher education, hospitality, real estate management and development, retail sales, and technology products and services, as well as other industries. Those clients also include both public and private companies, joint ventures, general and limited partnerships, foreign investors, private and charitable foundations, and public-private partnerships.

Yara brings to clients the knowledge and experience she has gained from serving as a law clerk to Judge Stacey L. Meisel in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, where she drafted and edited bench memoranda, orders of the court, judicial opinions, and relevant findings of legal research.

Prior to joining Goulston & Storrs, she also served as a temporary assistant general counsel in Bucharest, Romania for Alexandrion Holdings, Ltd. She assisted the European distiller in matters involving New York tax credits, U.S. Customs issues, North American expansion, and general corporate issues. Yara also served as a law clerk to Judges Robert Bent and Thomas Carlson of the Vermont Superior Court, performing legal research, and drafting memoranda, court orders and opinions.

During her final year of law school at Boston College, Yara was a part of the [Ninth Circuit Appellate Project](#), a clinic for law students focused on immigration appeals in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. After submitting an opening appellate brief and replying to the government brief, Yara and her team argued in front of a three-judge panel, which ultimately sided with their briefing in its [decision](#).

Her personal interests include rowing, hiking, American history, theater, and sporting events.

## **Accolades**

- Named as an All-Academic member of the National Collegiate Rowing Association

### **Affiliations**

- New York State Bar Association, member
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, member
- Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey, member

### **Languages**

- Arabic

### **Admissions**

- New York

### **Education**

- Boston College Law School (J.D., 2017)
- Wesleyan University (B.A., 2012)

## **Publications**

August 31, 2020

**How Contract Provisions and Common Law Principles Will Impact the Sports Business**

## **Blog Posts: Retail Law Advisor**

This blog keeps you connected to timely developments and emerging issues in retail law and covers a wide range of topics related to the retail, restaurant and consumer industry. We invite you to learn more about Goulston & Storrs and our Retail, Restaurant & Consumer Group.

September 10, 2020

**Straightening Their Tenants' Ties: Retail Property Owners Are Buying Distressed Retailers Out of Bankruptcy**

Since the early days of the COVID-19 crisis in the U.S., it has been a recurring theme to turn on the news and see that yet another big-name retailer is rumored to be on the brink of filing, or...