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Neil H. Ackerman is a partner at Meltzer Lippe Goldstein & Breitstone LLP in Mineola.

Ackerman heads the firm's bankruptcy and debtors' and creditors' law department. He has been engaged in all facets of bankruptcy and debtors' and creditors' rights matters for more than 25 years. During this time, his practice has also included commercial litigation; real estate law; federal

and state court litigation; business litigation; appellate work; and malpractice actions.

Ackerman has been a panel trustee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of NY since 1994 and has acted as attorney for trustees in more than 1,000 Chapter 7 and 11 bankruptcy cases.

As more people get used to the new law that went into effect in October 2005, as well as the current real estate market conditions, Ackerman expects bankruptcy filings to rise in 2008.

"I anticipate that although there will be an increase in bankruptcy filings this year from prior years there will still not be as many filings as under the pre-2005 law," he said.

Ackerman has also represented numerous corporate debtors in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases; and numerous creditors' committees and bondholders' committees in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, as well as the investors' committee in Group Trust No. 47 — the only pension plan/IRA trust Chapter 11 bankruptcy case known to

have ever been filed in the U.S.

Ackerman has also represented plaintiffs and defendants in bankruptcy and federal and state commercial litigation.

Prior to joining Meltzer Lippe, Ackerman headed the bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice at a LI-based national law firm and two NYC-based firms.

Ackerman earned a juris doctor, cum laude, from American University; and a bachelor's degree from SUNY Binghamton. He is admitted to the NYS Bar, U.S. District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of NY.

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