Special Report

Outstanding Restructuring Lawyers – 2008

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Lawyer	Firm	Outstanding Achievements
Paul Basta	Kirkland & Ellis New York, NY pbasta@kirkland.com	Lead partner for TOUSA and Kimball Hill, two of 2008's largest cases. Lead partner for Leiner Health Products. Lead restructuring partner for American Color Graphics in merger/comprehensive restructuring of American Color and Vertis Communications, playing a key role in facilitating the first-ever "dual-prepack merger."
John Wm. Butler, Jr.	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom Chicago, IL jbutler@skadden.com	Leads Delphi restructuring and represented Delphi in September 2008 \$10.6 billion settlement and restructuring agreement with GM. Working on insurance, retail, subprime, and telecommunications out-of-court restructurings. October 2008 inductee into Turnaround Management, Distressed Investing, and Restructuring Hall of Fame.
Dennis F. Dunne	Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy New York, NY ddunne@milbank.com	Representations include official creditors comm. in Lehman Brothers Chapter 11; debtorin-possession in Intermet, Inc., Chapter 11; Greystone, Inc., in out-of-court restructuring; Transeastern lenders in TOUSA Homes Chapter 11; Citibank as agent in restructurings of SCA and Ambac. One of three members of firm's Global Executive Committee.
Evan D. Flaschen	Bracewell & Giuliani Hartford, CT evan.flaschen@bgllp.com	2008 representations include bondholder, noteholder, or lender groups of: WaMu Bank, Centro Properties, TOUSA, Tembec Industries, Australian Education Trust, Abitibi, DURA Automotive, American Media, BearingPoint, Sons of Gwalia, Rubicon US, Georgia Gulf, Kaiser Aluminum, Henry Walker Eltin, Remy International.
Jay M. Goffman	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom New York, NY jgoffman@skadden.com	Lead restructuring lawyer for Intrawest, comprised of hundreds of companies. Kept company out of Chapter 11 by convincing 65 lenders to unanimously extend maturity of this loan when entire financial system was melting down. Lead restructuring lawyer for Centro Properties, second largest landowner in Australia and fifth largest in the U.S.
Marcia L. Goldstein	Weil, Gotshal & Manges New York, NY marcia.goldstein@weil.com	Chairs firm's bankruptcy department. Advising American International Group in out-of-court restructuring. Lead bankruptcy counsel to Washington Mutual Inc. and LandSource Inc. Member of team handling Lehman bankruptcy, the largest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history.
Fred Hodara	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld New York, NY fhodara@akingump.com	Leads representation of official committee of unsecured creditors of Washington Mutual, Inc., and WMI Investment Corp. Led negotiations for informal noteholder committee of Mrs. Fields. Representing informal second lien lender group of Recycled Paper Greetings and steering committee of lenders of Philadelphia Newspapers.
Michael B. Hopkins	Covington & Burling New York, NY mhopkins@cov.com	Led representation of Calyon as agent for lending syndicate to Southaven Power. Leads representation of Wilmington Trust Company as indenture trustee for bonds issued by Lehman Brothers and as co-chair of the Lehman Brothers official creditors' committee. Leads representations of indenture trustees for American Home Mortgage and Vicorp.
Marshall S. Huebner	Davis Polk & Wardwell New York, NY marshall.huebner@dpw.com	Lead counsel to the Fed and the U.S. Treasury with regard to AIG's restructuring. Counsel to Freddie Mac in the government's conservatorship of the company. Lead counsel to Delta Air Lines and Frontier Airlines during their Chapter 11 proceedings. Representing the Star Tribune company in their restructuring.
J. Andrew Rahl, Jr.	Reed Smith New York, NY arahl@reedsmith.com	Represented one of the largest AIG CDS counterparties in the Fed bailout. Counsel in the monoline insurance restructurings. Cutting-edge work on the bankruptcy/FDIC derivatives safe harbor. Counsel to the Official Finova Equity Committee before the Third Circuit.
Steven J. Reisman	Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle New York, NY sreisman@curtis.com	Conflicts counsel in the Lehman Brothers, Bally Total Fitness, Calpine, Musicland Holdings, and Northwest Airlines cases. Represented Gordon Brothers Group in largest retail out-of-court liquidation (CompUSA). Represented PDVSA in out-of-court restructuring of various projects, as well as Glencore in purchase of Asarco's assets.
Edward Weisfelner	Brown Rudnick New York, NY eweisfelner@ brownrudnick.com	Pioneer in representing hedge funds and other high-yield investors and fund managers. Counsel to significant parties in many major restructurings of casinos and gaming operations, including Tropicana Entertainment, Herbst Gaming, Legends Gaming, Premier Entertainment Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, and Yonkers Racing Corp.