

Special Report

Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyers – 2009

Lawyer	Firm	Outstanding Achievements
Van C. Durrer II	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom Los Angeles, CA van.durrer@skadden.com	Successfully represented Oaktree Capital Management as Plan Sponsor in the reorganization of Pierre Foods, Inc. Other recent engagements include representation of Chapter 7 Trustee of Indymac Bancorp, Inc., Ainsworth Lumber Co. Ltd. in 2008 recapitalization; and American AgCredit, ACA as exit lender in the Chapter 11 reorganization of Scotia Development LLC.
Peter Knight	Latham & Watkins Chicago, IL peter.knight@lw.com	Represented secured lenders in All American Semiconductor bankruptcy; represented GMAC/Residential Capital in Neumann Homes bankruptcy; one of lead partners representing prepetition bank group in Quebecor World cross-border bankruptcy; one of lead attorneys representing bondholder committee in Adelphia Communications bankruptcy.
M. Natasha Labovitz	Kirkland & Ellis New York, NY nlabovitz@kirkland.com	Lead restructuring partner for the TOUSA, Inc. Chapter 11 cases, one of the 15 largest bankruptcy filings of 2008. Key partner on the Sea Containers bankruptcy case, which involved complex cross-border insolvency issues. Has taken a significant role in the W.R. Grace bankruptcy proceedings, which involve significant asbestos-related liabilities.
Daniel McGuire	Winston & Strawn Chicago, IL dmcguire@winston.com	Represented Ziff Davis Media and its affiliates in successful Chapter 11 case, which was resolved in less than four months. Represented Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as administrative agent for the \$225 million debtor-in-possession secured credit facility for Wellman, Inc. and its affiliates. Wellman was one of the largest Chapter 11 cases filed in 2008.
Joseph G. Minias	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges New York, NY joeminias@quinnemanuel.com	Recent representations include SemGroup (unsecured creditors' comm. in fifth largest case of 2008), ACA Capital (noteholders' comm. in first restructuring of monoline insurer since Great Depression), Performance Transportation Services (second lien committee), Solutia (debtor in exit financing litigation), and Summit Global Logistics (special counsel to noteholders).
Lydia T. Protopapas	Weil, Gotshal & Manges Houston, TX lydia.protopapas@weil.com	Lead counsel to Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in bankruptcy of Tronox and restructuring matters. Advising Macquarie in restructuring of certain infrastructure projects. Advising GE Franchise Finance with respect to 90 of 200 non-franchise restaurants operated by S&A Restaurant Corp. Currently playing lead role in two potential billion-dollar bankruptcies.
Abid Qureshi	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld New York, NY aqureshi@akingump.com	Recent representations have included high-profile litigations in connection with the Chapter 11 filings of Calpine Corporation, TOUSA, Wellman, IdleAire Technologies, Propex, Lehman Brothers Holdings, Pliant Corporation, and Philadelphia Newspapers. Played a leading role in the U.S. proceedings related to the collapsed Bear Stearns hedge funds.
Abhilash M. Raval	Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy New York, NY araval@milbank.com	Recent representations include creditors' committee in Vicorp. bankruptcy; creditors committee in Lehman Chapter 11; ad hoc group of secured noteholders in American Color Graphics bankruptcy; lenders in, among others, Spansion, Equity Media, CCA, Inc., and OCA, Chapter 11 cases.
Jennifer Rodburg	Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson New York, NY jennifer.rodburg@friedfrank.com	Recent representations include Official Committee of Equity Security Holders in Delphi Corp.; various clients in Lehman bankruptcy; ad hoc committee of mortgage loan certificate holders of Extended Stay Hotels and affiliates; Tincum Lantern II, in bid for assets of Lennox Corp.; ad hoc committee of senior secured lenders in recapitalization of Intrawest Cayman.
Lisa Schweitzer	Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton New York, NY lschweitzer@cgsh.com	U.S. restructuring counsel for Nortel Networks in worldwide insolvency proceedings. Recently advised Barclays Capital on acquisition of Lehman Brothers' North American investment banking and capital markets businesses. Advised Wall Street firms regarding various subprime issues. Worked on other high-profile bankruptcies, including Adelphia, Refco, and Delta.
Robert J. Stark	Brown Rudnick New York, NY rstark@brownrudnick.com	Represented Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in Motor Coach Industries and Fedders Corp. Chapter 11 cases. Represented Ad Hoc Committee of First Lien Lenders in Flying J/Big West Oil, Spansion Inc., and Newark Group cases. Represented Ad Hoc Committee of Second Lien Lenders in Minneapolis Star Tribune and NV Broadcasting Group cases.
Michael Torkin	Shearman & Sterling New York, NY mtorkin@shearman.com	Lead counsel for Avenue Capital and DDJ Capital Management in pre-arranged Chapter 11 for Milacron Inc. Actively involved for a number of creditors, including Samsung Life Insurance Co. and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board in Lehman Brothers. As lead counsel to Remy Intl., was instrumental in successfully completing first automotive industry prepackaged Chapter 11.