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Eric Wise is a partner with Alston & Bird's Financial Restructuring & Reorganization Group. He has a wide range of experience with Chapter 11 matters, workouts, rights offerings, recapitalizations, restructuring, and post-petition and exit financing, and distressed debt purchases and sales. He has also cultivated expertise in junior capital and special situations financing structures.

Eric's restructuring clients include first lien credit groups, junior lien creditor groups, unsecured creditor groups, official committees of unsecured creditors, equity holders, post-petition lenders, and debtors, and lenders, arrangers, and borrowers in new money originations. His experience stretches across a variety of industries including shipping, telecommunications, health care, hospitality, real estate, steel, automotive, chemical, energy, transportation, financial institutions, and paper and forest products sectors.

Representative Experience

- Representing an ad hoc creditor group in the restructuring of a U.S. based casual dining pizza chain.
- Representing a manufacturer and supplier of natural resources in a chapter 11 restructuring.
- Representing filers in a French sauvegarde proceeding in their parallel Chapter 15 proceeding in the United States.
- Representing senior secured creditors in an out of court restructuring of a well-known bridal retailer.
- Representing an U.S.-based global asset management firm in the restructuring of a Michigan-based supply chain logistics enterprise.
- Representing an Austin, TX venture capital firm with post-petition financing provided to a biotechnology company in Chapter 11.
- Representing a private hedge fund during 546(e) litigation issues during the bankruptcy proceedings of an owner and operator of power generation facilities.
- Representing lenders through the restructuring of a U.S.-based retailer of teen accessories and jewelry.
- Representing a private hedge fund in connection with the Chapter 11 restructuring of a U.S. satellite communications company.
- Representing a print and advertising lender secured by a portfolio of films in connection with the Chapter 11 case of an American media company.
- Representing the developer of a luxury hotel in Panama City, Panama in its pre-packaged Chapter 11 case restructuring $220 million of secured notes.
- Representing the post-petition lenders and plan sponsors in a high-profile restructuring of a solar panel manufacturer.

- Representing the equity holders in the restructuring of an energy transportation company, including the exit financing from Chapter 11 cases.
- Representing a multinational ocean transportation service provider serving over 300 industrial shippers in more than 20 countries in its incurrence of debtor-in-possession and exit financing.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- "Determining Cryptocurrency Ownership in Bankruptcy," *Law360*, March 3, 2023.
- "Chapter 11 Is the Best Route for Troubled Auto Part Suppliers," *Bloomberg Law*, December 14, 2022.
- "The Effect of Cross-Border Restructuring Convergence on Future International Restructurings," *Turnaround Management Association*, November 2022.
- "Open Market Purchases, Past and Future," *New York Law Journal*, September 16, 2022.

Presentations

- "Saving Business from Distress: Offering Support to Business via Restructuring," BritishAmerican Business – Transatlantic Finance Forum 2022, webinar, November 30, 2022.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Turnaround Management Association

Education

- University of Michigan (J.D., 1995)
- Claremont Graduate University (M.A., 1993)
- Claremont McKenna College (B.A., 1991)

Admitted to Practice

- New York

Related Services

Financial Restructuring & Reorganization | Private Credit | Corporate Debt Finance