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John Weiss is a partner with Alston & Bird's Financial Restructuring & Reorganization Group and is based in the New York office. He focuses his practice in the areas of business reorganization, restructuring, and bankruptcy law and has experience representing debtors, official and unofficial committees, secured creditors, unsecured creditors, indenture trustees, agents, collateral managers, lessors and lessees of both real and personal property, parties to executory contracts, trade creditors, and other parties in interest in complex Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. He also has extensive experience nationally representing defendants in avoidance actions and professional service firms with bankruptcy retention and fee-related issues.

Representative Experience

- Represented the following debtors in each of their Chapter 11 cases: casino gaming company, power generation facility, large video rental company, petrochemical producer, assisted living facility owner and operator, residential land developer, infomercial business, large national hat retailer, national car wash, gas station and convenience store owner and operator, and major flat screen television company.
- Represented an indenture trustee in the Chapter 11 cases of the Zohar CLO funds.
- Represented the agent in the Chapter 11 cases of LightSquared Inc.
- Represented a major trade creditor in the Chapter 11 cases of Eastman Kodak Company.
- Represented the first and second lien agent in the Chapter 11 cases of AOG Entertainment Inc.
- Represented an indenture trustee serving as a member of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Chapter 11 cases of Neff Corp.
- Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Chapter 11 cases of Delphi Corporation.
- Represented trade creditors serving as members of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Chapter 11 cases of Adelphia Communications Corporation.
- Represented the collateral manager for trust preferred securities and senior notes in state court litigation and various Chapter 11 cases.
- Represented a secured creditor in state court litigation and resulting receivership relating to a decommissioned oil refinery.
- Represented a secured creditor in receivership litigation and related proceedings.
- Represented a secured creditor in the Chapter 11 cases of Peninsula Hospital.
- Represented a secured creditor in the Chapter 11 cases of Consec Inc.
- Represented trade creditors in the Chapter 11 cases of WorldCom Inc.
- Represented subordinated noteholders in the Chapter 11 cases of Creative Group Acquisition.

- Represented an exclusive distributor in the Chapter 11 cases of Rock & Republic Enterprises Inc.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “Timeline of a Chapter 11 Case,” in *Creditors’ Rights in Chapter 11 Cases*, 2013 ed., Thomson Reuters, 2013.
- “USA,” in *International Insolvency*, 3rd ed., Thomson Reuters, 2012.
- “Coudert Brothers—Lessons for Litigators,” *Law360*, April 2, 2012.

Professional & Community Engagement

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Turnaround Management Association New York Chapter, Membership Committee (chair), Nomination Committee, Executive Committee, board of directors
- New York State Bar Empire State Counsel List

Education

- Pennsylvania State University (J.D., 2000)
- The Ohio State University (B.A., 1996)

Admitted to Practice

- New York
- Delaware
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania

Related Services

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