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Mike Parisi is leader of the Corporate Debt Finance Team. He represents both private credit and bank lenders in structuring, negotiating, and documenting asset-based and cash-flow secured loan transactions. Mike has extensive experience in acquisition financing, cross-border financing, intercreditor and interlender issues, debt restructurings, and secured creditor and bankruptcy rights. His experience extends across a wide range of industries, including technology, health care, restaurants and other franchised business models, marine services, retail and consumer products, meals, and mining and manufacturing.

Mike is featured as one of the leading Georgia lawyers for banking and finance in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. He was named to the 2019-2022 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of banking and finance law. Mike regularly publishes articles in *Practical Law*, and he is a frequent speaker on *Debtwire* podcasts.

Representative Experience

- Represented a financial institution, as agent and lender, in connection with \$110 million split collateral multicurrency credit facilities to finance the acquisition of a global recycling company.
- Represented a financial institution, as agent and lender, in connection with \$25 million split collateral credit facilities to a regional grocery store chain to finance its exit from bankruptcy, including a \$20 million revolving credit facility and a \$5 million first-out portion of a term loan facility.
- Represented a private debt fund in connection with \$62.5 million senior secured credit facilities to finance the take-private acquisition of a provider of SaaS, software tools, and marketing services.
- Represented a specialty lender in connection with \$97.5 million senior secured credit facilities to finance the acquisition of an emergency monitoring solutions provider.
- Represented a private debt fund in connection with \$33 million senior secured credit facilities for a quick-service restaurant franchisee.
- Represented a private debt fund in connection with \$100 million senior secured credit facilities to finance the acquisition of a keg leasing company.
- Represented a private debt fund in connection with \$36 million senior secured credit facilities to finance the acquisition of a marketing data company.
- Represented a private debt fund in connection with \$60 million senior secured credit facilities to finance the acquisition of video service companies.
- Represented a financial institution, as agent and lender, in connection with \$45 million senior secured credit facilities to a fitness club chain.

- Represented a financial institution arranging and underwriting \$100 million of revolving, asset-based loans and \$150 million of term loans, in each case provided by a syndicate of commercial lenders to a leading manufacturer of iron castings and steel forgings.
- Represented a financial institution, as agent and lender, in connection with a \$250 million senior secured syndicated credit facility for a pharmacy chain.
- Represented a financial institution, as co-lead arranger and agent, in connection with an \$86 million senior secured credit facility for the leveraged buyout of a medical products company by a private equity sponsor.
- Represented a commercial lender, as holder of senior secured debt, in connection with the recapitalization of an entertainment company, including a refinancing of an existing last-out term loan held by the former private equity sponsor with secured mezzanine debt provided by a specialty lender and exchange of existing mezzanine debt with junior subordinated notes.
- Represented a financial institution arranging and underwriting \$245 million of first-lien loans provided by a syndicate of commercial lenders to a marine services company.
- Represented a financial institution, as agent and lender, in connection with a \$150 million senior secured credit facility for a consumer electronics retailer.
- Counseled an international food product distributor in connection with \$50 million of revolving, asset-based loans.
- Represented a financial institution underwriting and providing \$30 million of first-lien loans to a creator and operator of entertainment concepts.
- Represented a financial institution, as agent and lender, in connection with a \$116 million senior secured credit facility to finance the operation and acquisition of skilled nursing and long-term care facilities.
- Represented a financial institution arranging and underwriting \$72 million of first-lien loans provided by a syndicate of commercial lenders to a manufacturer of products for packaging applications.
- Represented a financial institution, as agent and lender, in connection with a \$50 million senior secured credit facility for a medical accounts receivable consulting company.
- Represented a financial institution arranging and underwriting a \$95 million senior secured syndicated credit facility for a specialty pharmaceutical company.
- Represented a financial institution, as agent and lender, in connection with a \$125 million senior secured syndicated credit facility for a medical device distributor.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “TriMark: Are “Sacred Rights” Still Sacrosanct?” *Pratt’s Journal of Bankruptcy Law*, Vol. 17, No. 8, November/December 2021.
- “An Expert’s View: Middle Market Loan Developments and Trends,” *Practical Law Finance*, Thomson Reuters, February 24, 2021.
- “PE Credit Considerations After IntegraMed Ch. 7 Ruling,” *Law360*, September 1, 2020
- “Charlotte Russe Restructuring: Turnaround Blueprint or Retail Anomaly?” *Chain Store Age*, April 2, 2018.
- “When Vendors Are Consigned to a Lower Authority,” *Pratt’s Journal of Bankruptcy Law*, June 2016.
- “Avoiding Lender Liability: When Words and Actions Matter,” *The Secured Lender*, December 2015.

Presentations

- “2022 Debt Market Update,” ACG Atlanta: M&A South 2022, Alpharetta, GA, February 7 - 9, 2022.
- “Alston & Bird Attorneys Discuss K-shaped Recovery, Market Share-Hungry Funds and Lender Protections,” *Middle Market* podcast, Debtwire, October 25, 2021.
- “Middle Market Financing Trends,” ABA Business Law Section Virtual Spring Meeting, webinar, April 20, 2021.
- “Alston & Bird’s Mike Parisi Discusses Alternative and Bank Lending in the Middle Market,” Debtwire, podcast, January 2, 2019.

Education

- Emory University (J.D., 2005)
- Union College (B.S., 2001)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia
- New York

Related Services

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