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Rick Blumen represents lead arrangers, lenders, borrowers, private equity firms, and underwriters, and has served as counsel to Fortune 500 companies and several of the largest U.S. commercial banks and their affiliates in a variety of finance transactions. These transactions include secured and unsecured syndicated credit facilities, private placements, high-yield debt offerings, acquisition financings, recapitalizations, first- and second-lien loans, mezzanine financings, and pre-petition workouts and restructurings.

Rick's experience on the lender side ranges from asset-based lending to investment grade, and from rock stars to major airline carriers to portfolio companies of Berkshire Hathaway. He represents publicly traded and private companies, including several portfolio companies of private equity firms, as borrowers and issuers of debt and quasi-debt securities. His sector experience includes food and beverage, media, aircraft, transportation, retail and consumer services, health care, manufacturing, technology, financial services, and insurance.

Rick is the former leader of Alston & Bird's Partners' Committee and the firm's former financial partner. Rick has been recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (since 2007) for his experience in banking and finance and securitization and structured finance law. He was named a *Best Lawyers*® 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" in Securitization and Structured Finance Law in Atlanta.

Representative Experience

- Represented a leading global investment management company in connection with its \$1.25 billion syndicated credit facility.
- Counsel to the lead arranger and agent in connection with a \$500 million letter of credit facility provided to one of the largest air delivery and freight services companies in the world.
- Counsel to a publicly traded consumer products company in connection with its \$330 million debt recapitalization consisting of syndicated bank debt and a public bond offering.
- Counsel to the lead arranger and agent in connection with a \$525 million acquisition financing, creating the largest Anheuser-Busch distributor in the U.S.
- Represented a plastic packaging manufacturer (a portfolio company of a private equity firm) in connection with its \$730 million debt recapitalization and related consent solicitation/tender offer for its public bonds.
- Represented the lead arranger and agent in connection with a \$345 million acquisition financing for a publicly traded air transport company.
- Counsel to a publicly traded provider of specialized insurance products in connection with its private and public debt financings exceeding \$1 billion.
- Represented the lead arranger and agent in connection with a \$400 million syndicated credit facility to a leading pharmaceutical care provider.

- Represented a private equity sponsor in financing and refinancing transactions for seven of its portfolio companies.
- Counsel to the lead arranger and agent in connection with a \$150 million asset-based credit facility to a publicly traded media company.
- Counsel to the lead arranger and agent in several Islamic financing transactions to the portfolio companies of a private equity sponsor.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- Rick Blumen Comments on the Rising Competition for Loan Assets in Debt Markets
- “How to Account for Earnouts in Financing Agreements,” *Law360*, July 8, 2014.

Education

- The George Washington University (J.D., 1990)
- Emory University (B.A., 1986)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia

Related Services

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