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William Hao is counsel in Alston & Bird's Financial Restructuring & Reorganization Group. William is experienced in a wide range of bankruptcy, litigation, and out-of-court restructuring matters. He represents secured creditors, hedge funds, trade creditors, lessors and lessees, and other parties-in-interest in distressed situations and in all aspects of bankruptcy proceedings such as avoidance actions, claims litigation, and the assumption and rejection of contracts and leases. William also has extensive experience representing parties in securitizations and other structured finance products in distressed situations and in commercial litigation. William regularly advises clients on bankruptcy issues in connection with finance and M&A transactions.

William is the treasurer of the Asian American Bar Association of New York and a co-chair of its Commercial Bankruptcy and Restructuring Committee. William also serves as a co-chair of the Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Creditors'/Debtors' Rights Committee of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

Representative Experience

- Representing a major health care services company in various Chapter 11 cases.
- Representing an indenture trustee in the Chapter 11 cases of the Zohar CLO funds.
- Counsel to a debtor hospital in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.
- Representing major financial institutions in their capacities as RMBS trustees in numerous Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases and litigation matters.
- Counsel to the administrator for \$12 billion in student loan securitizations in numerous regulatory and commercial litigation matters.
- Representing lenders and special servicers in distressed commercial real estate matters.
- Represented a major financial institution in the Chapter 11 cases of Residential Capital LLC, et al.
- Represented the official committee of unsecured creditors in the Chapter 11 cases of MSR Resort Golf Course LLC and Grubb & Ellis Company.
- Represented the official committees of unsecured creditors in the health care Chapter 11 cases of St. Francis Hospital, Sound Shore Medical Center, Interfaith Medical Center, Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers, Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center, Cabrini Medical Center, Victory Memorial Hospital, CHA Hawaii LLC (Hawaii Medical Center), Forum Health, and North General Hospital.
- Represented an international shipping company in its cross-border Chapter 15 ancillary bankruptcy proceeding.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “Are Courts More Likely to Disallow Claims Purchased from Recipients of Avoidable Transfers?” *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, Vol. XXXIX, No. 8, August, 2020.
- “Fifth Circuit Rules on Payment of a Make-Whole Premium and Post-Petition Default Interest,” *Pratt’s Journal of Bankruptcy Law*, June 2019.
- “Actions Speak as Loudly as Words in *Deprizio* Waivers,” *Pratt’s Journal of Bankruptcy Law*, September 2015.
- “Recent Developments in the Case Law of Section 524,” *Norton Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law*, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Presentations

- “Navigating a Bankruptcy Sale: The Bidding Procedures,” Asian American Bar Association of New York, moderator, , April 23, 2021.
- “A Primer on U.S. Bankruptcy and Intellectual Property Transactions,” Asian American Bar Association of New York, New York, NY, January 29, 2019.
- “Examining the Student Loan Crisis,” Asian American Bar Association of New York Fall Conference, New York, NY, September 22, 2018.
- “Adapting to Amazon: Strategies for the Changing Marketplace,” Asian American Bar Association of New York Fall Conference, New York, NY, September 23, 2017.

Professional & Community Engagement

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Turnaround Management Association
- New York City Bar Association

Education

- St. John’s University (LL.M., 2007)
- St. John’s University (J.D., 2005)
- University of Michigan (B.A., 2001)

Admitted to Practice

- New York

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