

Special Report

Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyers – 2010

Lawyer	Firm	Outstanding Achievements
Ronit J. Berkovich	Weil, Gotshal & Manges New York, NY ronit.berkovich@weil.com	On Weil teams representing the debtors in historic Chapter 11 cases, including General Motors, Lehman Brothers, WorldCom/MCI, BearingPoint, and Vertis (Vertis merger with ACG was first ever “double-prepack” merger). Also worked on international restructurings, including Telewest Communications and Parmalat.
Amy Caton	Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel New York, NY acaton@kramerlevin.com	Represented GM’s official creditors’ committee in U.S. Treasury negotiations, official committee of unsecured creditors of Capmark, and BONY Mellon as indenture trustee in Lehman bankruptcy. Representing largest bondholder in Las Vegas Monorail bankruptcy as well as United Airlines bondholders.
Andrew Gallo	Bingham McCutchen Boston, MA andrew.gallo@bingham.com	Currently represents group of Japanese secured lenders in cross-border insolvency proceedings of Spansion Japan Ltd.; represents joint trustees in a Hong Kong Chapter 15 filing in Massachusetts; led team representing unsecured creditors’ committee in BearingPoint bankruptcy proceedings; lead litigation counsel in sale of American Home Mortgage Co.’s servicing business.
Aaron L. Hammer	Freeborn & Peters LLP Chicago, IL ahammer@freebornpeters.com	Restructuring counsel to Wiseman-Hughes Enterprises, Clark National, ThoughtWorks, and Capsonic Automotive; counsel to creditors’ committee of Arch Aluminum & Glass and Arena Football League; U.S. counsel to Bank of Montreal in cross-border restructuring of Menu Foods; bankruptcy counsel to Accenture, The Warranty Group, and Mercer in dozens of high-profile cases.
Ron E. Meisler	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom Chicago, IL ron.meisler@skadden.com	One of principal partners in Delphi reorganization, a four-year process to transform operations and restructure \$22 billion in liabilities. Counsel to agent in restructuring \$100 million syndicated secured facility; lender in work out of loan default by high-profile media and entertainment company; U.K. pension trustees in Chapter 11 cases of Reader’s Digest Association and Visteon.
Anup Sathy	Kirkland & Ellis Chicago, IL anup.sathy@kirkland.com	One of the lead restructuring partners for General Growth Properties’ reorganization. Negotiated restructuring of over \$11 billion of property-level CMBS debt in eight months and supervised approximately 200 separate project-level plans of reorganization confirmed in 2009. GGP and affiliates’ filings constitute the largest Chapter 11 cases undertaken by a REIT in U.S. history.
James Savin	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld Washington, D.C. jsavin@akingump.com	Representing unsecured creditors’ committee in General Growth Properties, helping to defeat motions to dismiss bankruptcy cases of property level subsidiaries, and restructuring \$11 billion of property level secured debt. Represented unsecured creditors’ committee of Muzak, resulting in reorg. plan receiving 100% acceptance in all classes and receiving confirmation January 2010.
Damian S. Schaible	Davis Polk & Wardwell New York, NY damian.schaible@davispolk.com	Served leading role representing Delta Air Lines and Frontier Airlines in their Chapter 11 restructurings. Frequently represents agent banks in borrower restructurings and has played a key role in a number of recent high-profile restructurings, including those of the Tribune Company, the Media News Group, and C-BASS.
Robert J. Stark	Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels New York, NY rstark@brownrudnick.com	Representations include official creditors’ committees in Visteon Corporation and Motor Coach Industries; ad hoc bondholders’ committees in Spansion and Nortek Industries; secured lenders in American Safety Razor, EPV Solar, Flying J/Big West Oil, Minneapolis Star Tribune, TOUSA, and Newark Group; and indenture trustee in Tribune.
Rachel C. Strickland	Willkie Farr & Gallagher New York, NY rstrickland@willkie.com	Represented debtor in Land America Financial Group, Journal Register Company, and Ampex Corporation bankruptcies. Recently represented Genii Capital in stalking horse bid for Polaroid. Currently represents ad hoc groups contesting plan treatment in Smurfit-Stone Container and Aleris Intl. Other significant matters include complex restructurings of Teksid Aluminum and Verestar.
Michael Torkin	Shearman & Sterling New York, NY mtorkin@shearman.com	Advised the German government regarding restructuring of GM Group and Opel. Lead counsel for the ad hoc committee of noteholders in connection with the successful prepackaged Chapter 11 of Hights Cross Communications and for LBBW in connection with a restructuring of FX real estate’s 17-acre site on the Las Vegas strip.
Matt J. Williams	Gibson Dunn New York, NY mjwilliams@gibsondunn.com	Lead counsel to unsecured creditors’ committee chair and indenture trustee for \$23 billion in unsecured bonds in GM. Representing indenture trustee for approx. \$2 billion in subordinated debt in CIT Group prepackaged Chapter 11; DIP lender group and agent in connection with \$400 million convertible financing in General Growth Properties; prepetition lenders in Trident.