

Bankruptcy, Creditors' Rights and Financial Restructuring

Pullman & Comley's Bankruptcy practice represents debtors including business and individual debtors, creditors' committees, secured parties, equity holders, trustees, acquiring entities and other interested parties in bankruptcy proceedings, debt workouts and restructurings.

Our practice includes:

- Representing clients in all aspects of the Chapter 11 reorganization process
- Health care insolvencies
- Defending institutions of higher education in "tuition clawback" litigation
- Troubled company restructurings and liquidations
- Bankruptcy litigation of all types, including prosecution and defense of fraudulent transfer and preference avoidance litigation and nondischargeability of debt cases
- Distressed acquisitions and asset sales
- Real estate restructuring
- Loan workouts

Clients benefit from the Bankruptcy practice's strong background in business, healthcare, litigation and financing. Our goal is to deliver the highest quality results while recognizing our clients' needs for efficient legal services and competitive pricing. With the assistance of other practices of the firm, the Bankruptcy Practice can more effectively resolve issues that often arise in a bankruptcy proceeding in other areas of the law, such as real estate, securities law, corporate, environmental, labor and employment, and taxation, or where commercial litigation is required. Though we take a proactive approach that emphasizes consensus building with a goal towards a corporate restructure that satisfies the various competing interests, members of the Bankruptcy practice are also skilled and highly experienced in litigating contested matters and adversary proceedings of all types in Bankruptcy Court.

Experience

- In a case of first impression for the District of Connecticut, successfully secured a judgment of nondischargeability for the debt of creditor based on the debtor's fraudulent transfer of assets in order to avoid or hinder collection of the debt

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- Representation of principal secured creditor in the Chapter 11 proceeding of a regional agricultural supplier in favorably restructuring substantial secured debt
- Representation of creditors' committees in Chapter 11 cases of a national manufacturer of mattresses and a lumber company
- Representation of former professional athletes in getting a multi-million dollar debt excepted from the bankruptcy discharge of their former business managers
- Representation of nursing homes, hospitals and their management companies in Chapter 11 reorganizations
- Representation of colleges and universities in "tuition clawback" litigation
- Representation of a national nutritional supplement manufacturer in a Chapter 11 reorganization
- Representation of a major creditor in a high profile bankruptcy case of a famous rapper
- Representation of largest creditor in a fuel and heating oil Chapter 11
- Representation of largest unsecured creditor in a hedge fund bankruptcy
- Representation of major pharmacy in Chapter 11 case
- Representation of bankruptcy examiner in Chapter 11 of 26 national donut franchises
- Representation of national air cargo airline in Chapter 11 reorganization
- Representation of national manufacturer of friction materials in a Chapter 11 reorganization
- Representation of court appointed receiver of large nursing home network
- Representation of national clothing retailer in Chapter 11 reorganization
- Representation of Chapter 11 trustee in sale of national restaurant franchises
- Representation of official committee of products liability claimants in a Chapter 11 reorganization of a national manufacturer of water drainage systems
- Representation of Chapter 7 trustee in the sale of a national oil refinery
- Representation of a specialty catalogue company, one of the nation's largest retailers of women's wigs, which was successfully reorganized under Chapter 11
- Representation of a financial institution in the Chapter 11 case of CashPoint Network Services
- Representation of a secured creditor in Chapter 11 case of Cannondale
- Representation of Creditors' Committee in SND Electronics
- Representation of administrative claimants and other creditors in Derecktor Shipyards bankruptcy
- Representation of preference defendants in Chapter 11 of Refco, Inc.
- Representation of landlords in Waterworks, Inc. bankruptcy

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- Representation of school district in Metro Affiliates Chapter 11
- Representation of various parties in Enron Chapter 11 cases
- Representation of parties to derivative contracts and other creditors in Chapter 11 case of Lehman Brothers
- Representation of a livery company in a Chapter 11 reorganization
- Representation of four affiliated gyms in a Chapter 11 reorganization