

Christopher R. Donoho III

Partner

New York

Biography

As Global Head of the firm's Business Restructuring and Insolvency practice group, Christopher Donoho has made a career out of navigating tough situations and finding creative solutions that create value.

For Chris, that can mean negotiating an out-of-court solution to a complex financial problem, or it can mean guiding a client through a U.S. Chapter 11 bankruptcy or foreign insolvency proceeding. Regardless of the forum, he always enjoys the challenge of taking complex situations, breaking them down, and then leading a process that results in accretive value for his clients.

Whether leading a process or lending a hand on a project, Chris is a key member of both the New York office and the firm's global Business Restructuring and Insolvency team, all of whom, individually and as a team, are experienced and recognized in their field, working on many of the most important bankruptcy situations around the globe. From 2015 to 2019, he was the administrative partner for the New York office. Prior to his current role, he served as the Head of the Business Restructuring and Insolvency practice for the Americas.

Chris spends much of his time protecting the rights of creditors in restructurings, frequently on behalf of investment funds or banks. He also has considerable experience representing companies facing distress, leading them through work-outs or Chapter 11 restructurings in jurisdictions across the United States.



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Practices

Business Restructuring and Insolvency

Private Equity

Space and Satellite

Crisis Leadership Team

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

Financial Institutions

Real Estate

Technology and Telecoms

Life Sciences and Health Care

Diversified Industrials

Private Capital

He is frequently called into situations that involve multi-national companies and complicated cross-border disputes, drawing on the resources of his colleagues and Hogan Lovells around the world.

Several of the deals where Chris has played a leading role are award winning, including his representation of the Kodak Pension Plan in the Eastman Kodak Company Chapter 11, which was the winner of, among other things, the 2014 Turnaround Management Association's Mega Turnaround of the Year Award, where he received an individual award for his contributions.

Representative experience

Acting as creditors' committee counsel in the Chapter 11 cases of Abengoa Bioenergy (Missouri) and Abeinsa (Delaware), subsidiaries of Abengoa S.A. of Spain.

Represented the Kodak Pension Plan (UK) in the Eastman Kodak Chapter 11, exchanging US\$2.8bn of pension liabilities for two operating divisions.

Represented the Chapter 11 official creditors' committee of ShengdaTech Inc., a U.S. parent of a Chinese operating company.

Represented Anschutz and Starwood as bidders and acquirers of the Sea Island Company in a 363 bankruptcy sale in District of Georgia bankruptcy court.

Represented the secured lenders and credit bidders in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of Raser Technologies, in the District of Delaware.

Represented Orexigen Therapeutics Inc. in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings; negotiated a court-approved Section 363 sale of Orexigen's assets to Nalpropion Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Acting as debtor's counsel to Signal International, an Alabama ship and rig repair company with substantial litigation claims related to human trafficking.

Represented the private equity sponsor in connection with the Chapter 11 restructuring of Milagro Oil & Gas.

Areas of focus

Debtor Representation in Restructurings and Insolvencies

Creditor Representation in Restructurings and Insolvencies

Sports

Media

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Vanderbilt University, 1994

A.B., Brown University, 1991

Memberships

INSOL

Member of the American College of Investment Counsel

Turnaround Management Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

New Jersey

Court admissions

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Represented Allonhill LLC as Chapter 11 debtor's counsel in the District of Delaware.

Represented Wilmington Trust as indenture trustee in the Capmark Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Awards and rankings

- Finance: Restructuring (Including Bankruptcy): Corporate, Recommended, *Legal 500 US*, 2019-2021
- Bankruptcy/Restructuring (New York), *Chambers USA*, 2021
- Restructuring and Insolvency, Highly Regarded - State, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- 500 Leading Global Restructuring & Insolvency Lawyers, *Lawdragon*, 2020
- Energy, Highly Regarded - State, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- Natural Resources, Highly Regarded - State, *IFLR1000*, 2020
- Dealmaker of the Year, *Finance Monthly*, 2020
- Elite Dealmaker - New York, *IFLR1000*, 2019
- Bankruptcy/Restructuring (New York), Recognised Practitioner, *Chambers USA*, 2018-2019

Latest thinking and events

- Media Mention
 - Christopher Donoho discusses restructuring and distressed investing trends with Debtwire Radio
- News
 - House Judiciary Committee to Markup Nondebtor Release Prohibition Act of 2021
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells partner Hon Kevin J. Carey appointed as President-Elect to American Bankruptcy Institute
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Mobility and Transportation - Hot Topic Q&A Interviews
- Insights
 - Mobility and Transportation - Hot Topic Q&A

Interviews

- Awards and Rankings
 - Global Restructuring Review recognizes Hogan Lovells as one of the top 10 global law firms for restructuring and insolvency matters