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Biography

John Beck thrives in the stressful and often chaotic atmosphere inherent in financially distressed situations. His levelheaded approach allows him to focus on achieving the best results for his clients despite financial circumstances typically less than ideal. Whether representing debtors or creditors, in or out of court, John works creatively and relentlessly to help his clients turn lemons into lemonade.

John has a wide array of both in- and out-of-court experience, equipping him with the knowledge to achieve economically efficient results for his clients in whatever forum is required. John has engaged in numerous financial restructurings involving, among other things, refinancing senior debt, converting debt to equity, and implementing exchange offers, as well as pre-packaged and pre-negotiated bankruptcy filings. However, because not all distressed situations can be resolved consensually, John also has extensive litigation experience representing both debtors and creditors in bankruptcy and state court proceedings, including Chapter 11 bankruptcy and state court enforcement actions.

Prior to private practice, John had the prestigious honor of serving as judicial clerk to the Honorable Phil Johnson of the Supreme Court of Texas. Since that time, John has immersed himself in the exciting world of distressed investment and restructuring and was named a Rising Star for the New York Metro Area by



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Languages

English

Practices

Business Restructuring and
Insolvency

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

Financial Institutions

Life Sciences and Health Care

Real Estate

Areas of focus

Super Lawyers from 2014 to 2020 and a member of Class VIII of the NextGen Leadership Program of the International Insolvency Institute.

Representative experience

Representation of lender to Brazos Electric in its Chapter 11 case currently pending in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Representation of midstream pipeline company in Chapter 11 case of Gulfport Energy Corporation currently pending in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Representation of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as Indenture Trustee for US\$3bn of bonds and as member of Official Creditors Committee in the Chapter 11 Cases of Valaris.

Represented the Unsecured Creditors Committee in the Chapter 11 cases SpeedCast International Ltd. in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Representation of Lockheed Martin Corp., as DIP lender to Vector Launch Inc. and successful purchaser of Vector's IP assets pursuant to Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Representation of a deepwater drilling contractor against an alleged breach of indenture covenant.

Representation of Texas-based oil field services company in its out of court restructuring of approximately US\$130m of debt.

Representation of publicly traded biotech company Achaogen Inc. in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in Delaware Bankruptcy Court.

Representation of All American Oil and Gas Inc. in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in the Bankruptcy Court of the Western District of Texas.

Representation of private equity sponsor of RMH Holdings Inc., a franchisee of over 150 Applebee's locations, which successfully achieved confirmation of a "new value" plan.

Debtor Representation in Restructurings and Insolvencies

Creditor Representation in Restructurings and Insolvencies

Cross-border Restructuring and Insolvency

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law, summa cum laude, Order of the Coif, 2010

B.B.A., University of Texas at Tyler, 2007

Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

Texas

Court admissions

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

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

Representation of Orexigen Therapeutics Inc. in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing and successful Section 363 sale as a going concern.

Representation of KaloBios Pharmaceuticals in its successful Chapter 11 reorganization in Delaware Bankruptcy Court.

Representation of BNY Mellon as indenture trustee and largest unsecured creditor of global geosciences services provider CGG in connection with CGG's cross-border restructuring.

Representation of hedge fund in successful derivatives litigation against Lehman Brothers Special Financing in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

Representation of oil and gas servicing company, Signal International Inc., in its Chapter 11 proceedings in Delaware Bankruptcy Court.

Representation of controlling equity holder in pre-negotiated Chapter 11 filing of Milagro Oil and Gas Inc.

Representation of New York fund as secured lender in acquisition of failed Chicago Spire property out of Chapter 11.

Representation of New York fund as secured lender in plan sponsorship and acquisition of One Madison Park out of Chapter 11.

Awards and rankings

- Finance: Restructuring (Including Bankruptcy):
Corporate, *Legal 500 US*, 2021-2022
- Rising Stars, *New York Super Lawyers*, 2014-2020

Latest thinking and events

- Announcements
 - IFLR Americas Awards recognize Hogan Lovells for work on 'Project Finance Deal of the Year'
- News
 - Fifth Circuit doubles down on right to reject filed-rate contracts, but with an exception

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises NTT DATA Services on acquisition of supply chain consulting firm Chainalytics
- News
 - Court in Puerto Rico case adopts alternative test to find settlement agreements were executory
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in Chapter 11 Speedcast International case
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
 - Oil and Gas Restructuring and Bankruptcy: Leases, Treatment of JOAs, Lien Rights and Priorities, DIP Financing