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About Christopher

Christopher Giaimo is a partner in our Washington DC office and our Restructuring & Insolvency Practice Group. Chris concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy and creditors' rights, as well as litigation, representing secured and unsecured creditors, vendors and committees.

His clients benefit from his extensive industry experience in the enforcement of a broad spectrum of creditors' rights. Chris also represents investors seeking to acquire distressed debt and assets of bankrupt and insolvent businesses, as well as the contractual interest of publicly and privately held companies in bankruptcy proceedings. His industry and issue experience in the bankruptcy context includes real estate, lending, telecommunications, automotive and retail, among others. His active bankruptcy litigation practice includes complex valuation and avoidance action litigation.

Chris ensures that the business goals of his clients are acknowledged during the development of legal strategies that will achieve client goals and resolve concerns as efficiently as possible. He also lectures and writes on bankruptcy topics to a wide audience of other restructuring professionals.

Chris is recognized in *Chambers USA*, where he, "is highlighted for his extensive experience in representing secured and unsecured creditors, vendors and committees in areas of bankruptcy and creditors' rights." Clients note that Chris is "a very capable advocate", who is "pragmatic and quick to understand his clients' objectives" and "does everything with their best interests in mind."

Experience

(Representations listed include certain matters that were completed while with previous firms.)

Creditors and Trustees

- Represented a national real estate developer in retail bankruptcy proceedings in the District of Delaware with respect to certain developmental and investment interests.
- Represents a global technology company in connection with the protection of its intellectual property and licensing rights in insolvency and non-insolvency matters, including the acquisition of distressed assets.

- Represented a national credit enhancer as primary secured lender in bankruptcy cases across the country, including proceedings involving tax-exempt bond debt and multi-property bankruptcy proceedings.
- Represented a national leading provider of mortgage-related services in defense of wrongful foreclosure actions resulting in dismissal of all cases.
- Represents a multinational telecommunications and financial transactions company in connection with acquisition of intellectual property and other related assets in bankruptcy proceedings.
- Represented a publicly traded automotive parts supplier in the General Motors and Chrysler bankruptcy proceedings.
- Represented a national leading provider of mortgage services in a multimillion-dollar fraudulent transfer litigation in the Eastern District of Virginia.
- Successfully defended a client in "robo signing" claims brought by borrowers in California bankruptcy court.
- Represented a regional savings bank as the primary secured lender in bankruptcy cases pending in the District of Maryland.
- Represented Wilmington Trust Company as indenture trustee with respect to its interests in certain Enhanced Equipment Trust Certificates in the ATA Holdings Corp. bankruptcy case in the Southern District of Indiana.
- Represented Wells Fargo, NA, as successor indenture trustee for certain senior secured notes in the Pliant Corporation bankruptcy in the District of Delaware.
- Represented an investor group in the Corecare Behavioral Health Management, Inc. bankruptcy in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- Represented a national investment banker in a fee dispute in the District of New Jersey.

Official Committees of Unsecured Creditors

- Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Building Materials Holding Corporation, et al., in the District of Delaware Circuit.
- Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Maxjet Airways, Inc. in the District of Delaware.
- Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Earthshell Corporation in the District of Delaware.
- Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Kleinert's, Inc. in the Southern District of New York.
- Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Tackley Mill, L.L.C. in the Northern District of West Virginia.

Debtors-in-Possession

- Represented Mattress Discounters Corporation as debtor's counsel during its reorganization in the District of Maryland.
- Represented Lake Diamond Associates, LLC as debtor's counsel in the Middle District of Florida.
- Represented New York Medical Group, PC as debtor's counsel in the Southern District of New York.
- Represented Servervault, Inc. as debtor's counsel in the Eastern District of Virginia.

Credentials

Education

- St. John's University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1995
- St. Joseph's University, B.S., 1991

Admissions

- District of Columbia, 1998
- Maryland, 1998
- New York, 1996

Courts

- U.S. Dist. Ct., Dist. of Columbia
- U.S. Dist. Ct., Dist. of Maryland
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland
- U.S. Dist. Ct., S. Dist. of New York
- Supreme Court of New York
- U.S. Ct. of App., Fourth Circuit
- Maryland Court of Appeals

Memberships & Affiliations

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Mid Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop Advisory Board
- Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association
- Bar Association of the District of Columbia: Corporation, Finance & Securities Law Section
- Turnaround Management Association

Recognitions

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2024-2027
- Washington DC Super Lawyer 2013 to 2017

Expertise

Services

- Restructuring & Insolvency

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- Co-author, "Medicare Providers, Beware of Government Recoupment," *ABI Bankruptcy Litigation Committee Newsletter*, January 2018.
- "Addressing Large Financial Institutions: Competing Proposals to Supplement (and Replace) Dodd-Frank," *American Bankruptcy Institute's Legislation Committee Newsletter*, March 2015.
- "Cash-Management Accounts and Fraudulent Transfer Actions," *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, September 2014.
- "The ABI Commission on Business Bankruptcy Reform: Providing Information and Fairness to Creditors," *American Bankruptcy Institute's Legislation Committee Newsletter*, June 2015.
- "Keeping Up with the Supremes: Supreme Court Update," American Bankruptcy Institute's 11th Annual Mid-Atlantic Workshop, 2015.
- "Government Contracts and Bankruptcy: What Happens When Things Go South?" American Bankruptcy Institute Workshop, 2014.
- Financial Advisors' Tool Box, "Pre-Bankruptcy Planning, DIP Financing and Exit Financing," Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors 28th Annual Bankruptcy and Restructuring Conference, 2012.
- "Putting the Bankruptcy Puzzle Together," National Grain & Feed Association, 2009.
- "Bankruptcy Considerations for Multifamily House: A Presentation for Fannie Mae," 2007.
- "Dodging the Issue: The Supreme Court "Weighs" In On Bankruptcy Law", Client Alert.
- "Delaware Bankruptcy Court Reinforces that Hindsight is not a Basis to Object to Indenture Trustee Fees", Client Alert.

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One of the world's strongest integrated law firms, providing insight at the point where law, business and government meet. We deliver commercially focused business solutions by combining our legal, lobbying and political capabilities and invaluable connections on the ground to a diverse mix of clients, from long-established leading corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations. More than 1,500 lawyers in over 40 offices across four continents provide unrivaled access to expertise.