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About Helena

Helena Clarke is a director in the Restructuring & Insolvency Practice Group in London. Helena's experience includes a variety of sectors, including aviation, art and collectibles, retail, hospitality and leisure and financial services, with expertise in default and enforcement, technical cross-border insolvencies and the restructuring and refinancing of distressed and non-distressed assets.

Helena advises directors of distressed companies and turnaround directors, together with financial institutions, creditors and other stakeholders, as they navigate their way through distress, including defaulting loans, cash flow squeezes, administration, liquidation or receiverships.

Helena's practice also includes various types of financing, including litigation finance and art-lending.

Helena has been recognised by INSOL International as a rising star in its young practitioner spotlight.

Experience

- Advising administrators, liquidators and receivers on matters relating to their appointment and disposal of assets.
- Advising lenders, sponsors and borrowers on new-money financing, and security packages including litigation funding and art lending.
- Advising turnaround directors and chief restructuring officers.
- Advising directors of distressed companies on their duties and legal obligations.
- Conducting security reviews for secured lenders and advising on options to restructure or exit their current position.

Example Transactions:

- Advising pension trustees on sponsor distress.
- Advising a lender on enforcement of a litigation finance facility.
- Advising administrators appointed to a global retail chain.

- Advising a television production company on the appointment of administrators and a pre-packaged sale of business assets.
- Advising a leading high-street retailer on implementation of a company voluntary arrangement (CVA) in parallel with an equity reorganisation.
- Advising the owners of an international chain of hostels on their mezzanine financing and wider financial reorganisation.
- Advising an art-lending client on matters of English-law security and enforcement strategy.
- Advising a Bermudan-incorporated company in Chapter 11 proceedings in respect of a wind-down of an English subsidiary and the recognition of its foreign representative under the cross-border insolvency regulations in the UK.
- Advising administrators, liquidators and receivers on the disposal of assets and other aspects relating to their appointment.
- Advising lenders on fund financings, including capital call, NAV and hybrid structures.
- Advising lenders on security packages and enforcement strategies.
- Advising lenders on providing litigation funding to distressed borrowers.
- Advising art-lending clients on providing finance secured over art and collectibles.

Credentials

Education

- University of Cambridge, Magdalene College, M.A., 2007

Admissions

- England and Wales, 2012

Memberships & Affiliations

- Member, International Insolvency Institute (iii) NextGen Programme

Expertise

Services

- Restructuring & Insolvency

Publications

- Contributor, The Law and Business of Litigation Finance, Second

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