



Kristopher M. Hansen Partner

Kris Hansen is the Practice Group Leader of Stroock's nationwide Financial Restructuring Group, which encompasses the following four distinct Business Units; Restructuring, Debt Finance, Distressed Corporate and Impact Litigation. He is a dealmaker and a consummate tactician renowned for his strong judgment, financial IQ and expansive market knowledge.

Throughout his career, Kris has guided clients through proceedings in bankruptcy and appellate courts across the country, as well as through many out-of-court situations.

Kris helps sophisticated investors in distressed credit formulate and execute complex strategies involving mergers and acquisitions, financing and litigation in and outside of actual bankruptcy. He represents official creditors' committees in complex corporate chapter 11 cases, and corporate debtors in connection with formal bankruptcy proceedings and informal negotiations to restructure their debt obligations.

Kris is a frequent panelist and lecturer on restructuring topics before corporate, professional and CLE audiences. *Best Lawyers in America*, *Chambers USA* and *Chambers Global*, *IFLR1000*, *Law360* and *The Legal 500* all have attested to his skills. Additionally, Kris has been recognized as a litigation star by *Benchmark Litigation*.

Representative Matters

Some of Kris' notable creditor representations include the following:

- AMF Bowling Worldwide, Inc. (ad hoc committee of first lien term lenders)
- Aquilex Holdings (ad hoc committee of noteholders)
- Avaya, Inc. (ad hoc group of first and second lien creditors)
- Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company I and II (ad hoc committee of convertible noteholders)
- Brookstone, Inc. (ad hoc committee of second lien noteholders)
- Calpine Corporation (ad hoc committee of convertible noteholders)
- Caraustar Industries (ad hoc committee of noteholders)
- Caesars Entertainment Corporation (ad hoc group of first lien lenders)
- Carlson Wagonlit Travel (ad hoc group of secured noteholders)
- Dana Corporation (ad hoc committee of noteholders)
- Dayton Superior (official creditors' committee)

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Related Services

- Corporate
- Financial Restructuring
- Litigation

Education

- J.D., Fordham University School of Law, 1995
- B.S., Fordham University, 1992; Finance

- Diebold Nixdorf (debt finance provider)
- Extraction Oil & Gas (official creditors' committee)
- Fairpoint Communications (ad hoc committee of noteholders)
- Guitar Center (ad hoc group of noteholders)
- Harry & David (ad hoc committee of noteholders)
- IAC/InterActiveCorp (ad hoc committee of noteholders)
- Indiana Downs/Indiana Live! (ad hoc committee of noteholders)
- Internet Corporation (ad hoc committee of noteholders)
- Interstate Bakeries (largest shareholder)
- J.C. Penney Company, Inc. (ad hoc secured crossover group)
- K-V Pharmaceutical Company (official creditors' committee)
- Lear Corporation (ad hoc committee of noteholders)
- LightSquared Inc. (secured creditor)
- Lone Pine Resources (certain noteholders)
- LSC Communications (official committee of unsecured creditors)
- The McClatchy Company (official committee of unsecured creditors)
- Momentive Performance Materials Inc. (certain noteholders and backstop parties)
- Monitronics International, Inc. (ad hoc group of senior unsecured noteholders)
- Morris Publishing Group (ad hoc committee of noteholders)
- NationsRent, Inc. (ad hoc committee of secured lenders and plan sponsor)
- Neenah Foundry (DIP lender and ad hoc committee of secured noteholders)
- Neff Corp. (ad hoc committee of noteholders and purchaser)
- New Gulf Resources, LLC (ad hoc committee of noteholders and DIP lenders)
- Panavision Inc. (ad hoc committee of secured noteholders)
- Party City (ad hoc group of lenders)
- Payless ShoeSource Inc. (Creditor and DIP lender)
- PCA International (official creditors' committee)
- Pegasus Satellite Communications (ad hoc committee of noteholders)
- PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (DIP lender)
- Pliant Corporation (ad hoc committee of noteholders)
- Primus Telecommunications (ad hoc committee of noteholders)
- Pyxus (ad hoc group of lenders)
- RathGibson, Inc. (DIP lender/ad hoc committee of noteholders and purchaser)
- Sandy Creek Energy Station (ad hoc first lien lender group)
- School Specialty, Inc. (DIP lender, ad hoc committee of noteholders)

- Sears Holdings Corp. (second lien lender)
- SFX Entertainment, Inc. (DIP lender and ad hoc bondholder committee)
- Spanish Broadcasting System (company)
- Stations Casinos (member of official creditors' committee)
- Texas Petrochemicals, Inc. (official creditors' committee)
- Toys "R" Us, Inc. (FILO DIP lenders)
- Tropicana Entertainment (official creditors' committee)
- Trump Entertainment Resorts (debtor)

In addition, Kris has acted as debtors' counsel to: Ambassadors International, Inc., AMF Bowling, Flushing Hospital, Loehmann's Inc., Recoton Corporation, Trism Trucking, Trump Entertainment Resorts and Union Hospital.

Honors & Awards

- *IFLR1000*, 2020 "Deal of the Year: Banking and Finance" for Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- *Chambers USA: Leading Lawyers for Business*, "America's leading restructuring attorneys"
- *Best Lawyers*, "various national rankings in the area of Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights"
- *Super Lawyers*, "various national rankings in the area of Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights"
- K&A Restructuring Register, "Outstanding Lawyers"
- Turnaround & Workouts, "Outstanding Lawyers"
- Law360, "Bankruptcy MVP"
- Benchmark Litigation, "Litigation Star"
- Turnaround Management Association, 2018 Turnaround of the Year: Mega Company

Kris was also recently inducted into the American College of Bankruptcy, a highly selective honorary and educational association of bankruptcy and insolvency professionals.

Speeches & Events

Kris is a frequent panelist and lecturer at American Bankruptcy Institute, Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute, Turnaround Management Association and other industry-sponsored events. Select engagements include:

- Moderator, "CDS Markets," American Bankruptcy Institute New York City Bankruptcy Conference, New York City, May 22, 2019
- Moderator, "Practical Issues in Corporate Governance Before, During and Upon Emergence from Chapter 11," American Bankruptcy Institute 19th Annual New York City Bankruptcy Conference, May 18, 2017
- Speaker, "The Intersection of Bankruptcy and Intellectual Property," District of Delaware Second Annual Bench and Bar Conference, May

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- Speaker, “Flashpoints for Intercreditor Disputes,” American Bankruptcy Institute 18th Annual New York City Bankruptcy Conference, May 12, 2016

Admitted To Practice

New York

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court