

Bankruptcy, Workouts & Financial Restructuring

Overview

McDowell Rice has maintained a vigorous and diverse bankruptcy practice for more than half a century. The group is led by our department chair R. Pete Smith, an elected Fellow of the prestigious American College of Bankruptcy Attorneys, who is recognized in the section of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law in the Best Lawyers in America. The bankruptcy group includes capable attorneys who can provide early development of proactive strategies. They offer comprehensive document preparation and aggressive prosecution of litigation for all bankruptcy-related matters.

The Firm is particularly renowned for its expertise in complex and contested corporate bankruptcies and its representation of debtors and secured creditors in the Chapter 11 arena. McDowell Rice is among the select “go to” firms for distressed businesses seeking debt restructuring both inside and outside Chapter 11. The bankruptcy group is composed of attorneys with vast experience in the formulation and implementation of strategies leading to the successful reorganization of financially challenged businesses as well as the enforcement of creditor rights and remedies in both bankruptcy court and state court. The firm has represented a wide array of parties, including debtors, secured creditors, unsecured creditors, government agencies, and creditor committees, and trustees. The bankruptcy group’s representation has encompassed the largest Chapter 11 cases in the metropolitan Kansas City area as well as major commercial cases throughout the country.

Areas of concentration include:

Documentation and Enforcement of Creditors Rights and Remedies
Representation of Distressed Businesses in Workouts, Financial Restructuring and Chapter 11 Bankruptcies
Representation of Secured Creditors, Creditor Committees and Trustees in Bankruptcies

Examples of our work include:

Representation of largest creditor in reorganization of billion dollar hotel portfolio

Representation of real estate company in $100 million Chapter 11 bankruptcy

Successful reorganization of regional trucking company in Chapter 11 reorganization

Representation of consortium of lenders on $400 million credit facility in billion dollar agricultural co-op case

Representation of lender on $250 million credit facility in billion dollar construction materials company bankruptcy

Successful reorganization of health club business

Representation of apparel companies in pending Chapter 11 cases

Debt restructuring of multi-state pizzeria/entertainment center business

Representation of retirement facility in restructuring of bond debt

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531,535,481

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