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Top-Tier Ranked for Bankruptcy

Benchmark Litigation, 2017–2021

Debt and Equity-linked Deal of the Year (Ecuador’s \$17.4 billion sovereign debt restructuring)

IFLR Americas Awards, 2021

Loans Deal of the Year (LATAM Airlines’ DIP financing)

IFLR Americas Awards, 2021

Recent Highlights

- LATAM Airlines Group S.A., the leading airline in Latin America, and its affiliates in Chile, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, and the United States in the voluntary reorganization and restructuring of their debt under Chapter 11 protection in the United States.
- Odebrecht Engenharia e Construção S.A. (OEC) in a complex restructuring and related consent solicitation for approval of a Brazilian extrajudicial restructuring plan to restructure OEC's approximate \$3.3 billion aggregate principal amount of notes issued by Odebrecht Finance Ltd. and guaranteed by OEC, among others.
- CROSSMARK Holdings Inc. and its affiliates, a leading sales and marketing company, in its successful out-of-court restructuring.
- Argentina in its \$63.4 billion debt restructuring.
- ESL Investments, as largest creditor and shareholder of Sears Holdings with over \$2.6 billion in claims, in its Chapter 11 proceedings, as well as prepetition transactions and related matters.
- Tempur Sealy and its affiliates in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of one of its regional bedding retailers, Innovative Mattress Solutions.
- Steering committee of bondholders in Brazilian telecom Oi's restructuring of \$20 billion of liabilities, the largest ever Latin American bankruptcy, with contested litigation in several forums, including Brazil, the Netherlands, and the United States.
- PNB, India's second-largest government-owned bank, in the Firestar Diamond Jewelry and Samuels Jewelry Chapter 11 cases relating to a \$2 billion fraud in which PNB was the primary victim.
- Nortel Networks and affiliates in their U.S. Chapter 11 proceedings, including coordinating these complex cases with proceedings in Canada and Europe, with substantial cross-border litigation.
- Ad hoc group of bondholders of Odebrecht Oil & Gas, one of the largest oil and gas service providers in Brazil, in connection with the company's possible restructuring of over \$4.8 billion in debt.
- Overseas Shipholding Group, a multibillion-dollar oil tanker company, in its Chapter 11 filings and successful reorganization.
- Modular Space Corporation, the largest U.S. provider of temporary and modular office space, in the restructuring of nearly \$1 billion in secured debt through a prepackaged Chapter 11 plan.
- Empresas ICA in the restructuring of over \$1 billion of indebtedness.
- Texas Pacific Group-Asia in the restructuring of over \$1.1 billion of debt of Global A&T Electronics through a prepackaged Chapter 11 plan.
- Geoffrey LLC, the owner of the intellectual property of the Toys "R" Us, in the restructuring of the group's business, including a series of Section 363 sales.
- Numerous parties in the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy holding substantial derivative claims in disputes concerning Lehman's Chapter 11 plan.
- Several global financial institutions with regard to the Madoff fraud — no other firm has played as prominent a role in the defense of Madoff litigation.
- Vale S.A. in its Chapter 15 proceedings related to its attempt to collect a \$2 billion arbitration award.

Restructuring Deal of the Year (McDermott International's restructuring)

IFLR Americas Awards, 2021

Deal of the Year: Restructuring (Argentina's \$65 billion foreign debt restructuring)

Latin Lawyer, 2021

Top 10 Firm

Global Restructuring Review's GRR 100, 2020

Leading Firm for Finance: Restructuring (Including Bankruptcy): Corporate

The Legal 500 U.S., 2018–2020

Restructuring Law Firm of the Year

IFLR Americas Awards, 2020

Leading Firm for Restructuring & Insolvency

IFLR1000, 2020

Restructuring Deal of the Year (Constellation Oil Services Holding S.A.)

IFLR Americas Awards, 2020



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