

## 7 Haynes Boone Lawyers Listed Among 2022 Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy, Restructuring Lawyers

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**PRACTICES** Restructuring, Counterparty Insolvency and Risk Management, Distressed Real Estate, Chapter 11 Debtor, Bankruptcy Litigation, Joint Ventures

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Seven Haynes Boone lawyers have been included in the 2022 Lawdragon 500 listing of the nation's leading bankruptcy and restructuring lawyers: Partners [Charlie Beckham](#), [Eli Columbus](#), [Patrick Hughes](#), [Ken Kattner](#), [Ian Peck](#), and [Stephen Pezanosky](#) and Counsel [Kourtney Lyda](#).

The Lawdragon editorial team selected the 500 honorees through submissions, research about the lawyers behind the biggest deals, and vetting from a board of peers and clients.

"These 500 lawyers dazzle in financial restructuring, whether in court or out," the publication states. "They help companies ... survive a pandemic to go forward in better days. They find financing and acquirors for distressed companies. ... A good lawyer can make all the difference. And these are the best at what they do."

Read more about our 2022 leading restructuring lawyers:

**Charlie Beckham:** During his 30-year career, Charlie has represented clients in cases large and small, in courtrooms and boardrooms across the country. He has played a key role in representing secured lenders, creditors' committees, buyers, debtors and other parties-in-interest in a variety of industries, including numerous oil and gas, midstream, power, and energy-related bankruptcies. He is regularly asked to speak on various bankruptcy matters in the U.S. and internationally. Charlie has presented and published numerous articles on the topic and is often sought out for insights about Haynes Boone's [energy bankruptcy reports and surveys](#).

**Eli Columbus:** Eli represents a diverse group of clients in a range of restructuring matters. He assists banks, private equity funds, commercial lenders, and other secured creditors in commercial bankruptcy cases and out-of-court restructurings. He represents buyers in distressed asset acquisitions, including 363 sales, and debtors in Chapter 11 cases. Eli also counsels unsecured creditors, including landlords, vendors, lessors, trade creditors, investors, unsecured creditors' committees, and other unsecured creditors in commercial bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings.

**Patrick Hughes:** Pat has represented countless business debtors, secured creditors and court appointed committees in numerous restructuring cases throughout the country. He has had an active business litigation practice and has also counseled boards and management teams on various transactional and litigation matters which arise out of restructuring situations. Pat's practice has involved key roles in some of the largest business bankruptcy cases filed. While his practice has encompassed all types of businesses, he has particular experience in restructuring matters affecting energy companies, and companies subject to mass tort or large litigation claims.

**Ken Kattner:** Ken focuses on bankruptcy, insolvency, and litigation matters and has been involved in numerous bankruptcy, reorganization, and litigation cases involving heavily litigated and complex legal issues. He has experience with many reorganization efforts representing debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, committees and asset purchasers in a wide range of cases involving manufacturing companies, airlines, computer and software firms, hospitality businesses, strategic asset acquisitions, retailers, wholesalers, real estate companies, service firms, travel agencies and individuals.

**Ian Peck:** Ian handles complex Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, out-of-court workouts, and distressed mergers and acquisitions transactions across range of industries. Ian understands that debt restructuring or bankruptcy can often be the most stressful and critical event in a client's history and he brings a sense of calm determination to each restructuring engagement. His experience involves leading roles in some of the largest restructuring cases in recent history. Recently, he led the successful Chapter 11 reorganization of nationwide retailer Tuesday Morning, which resulted in payment of creditors in full and reinstatement of equity, despite the challenges of COVID-19.

**Stephen Pezanosky:** Steve has handled complex financial restructurings for three decades. He represents debtors, lenders, lender groups, and other constituents in insolvency matters across the country, as well as buyers and sellers of distressed companies. Although he has worked in numerous business sectors over the years, Steve has developed particular knowledge in the energy, real estate, and technology industries. Clients consider him to be practical and pragmatic and appreciate his business-minded approach to their matters. He seeks to efficiently resolve problems for clients and get their deals done.

**Kourtney Lyda:** Kourtney represents debtors, secured creditors, unsecured creditors, administrative agents, lessors, asset purchasers, and other parties in complex matters and advising corporate clients in their business dealings with financially distressed counterparties. Her experience includes the representation of Chapter 11 and 15 debtors, as well as other parties-in-interest in a variety of business restructuring matters. She handles both in-court and out-of-court restructurings for clients in industries such as aviation, commodities, E&P, gas storage facilities, oilfield services, pharmaceuticals, franchised restaurants, and utilities.

Haynes Boone's [Restructuring Practice Group](#) handles issues in large and complex out-of-court financial restructurings and Chapter 11 reorganization cases. In 2021, the practice was again listed as one of the top-ranked bankruptcy/restructuring teams in Texas in the *Chambers USA* (Chambers and Partners) directory. The group remains in Band 1 in Texas.

Haynes Boone is an international corporate law firm with offices in Texas, New York, California, Charlotte, Chicago, Denver, Washington, D.C., London, Mexico City and Shanghai, providing a full spectrum of legal services in energy, technology, financial services and private equity. With 600 lawyers, Haynes Boone is ranked among the largest U.S.-based firms by *The National Law Journal*, *The American Lawyer* and *The Lawyer*. It was recognized for excellence in the BTI Consulting Group's 2021 "A-Team" report, which identifies the law firms that in-house counsel commend for providing superior client service.