

Haynes and Boone Recruits Experienced Finance Lawyers Jim Markus and Tim Johnston

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Prominent finance lawyers [Jim Markus](#) and [Tim Johnston](#) have joined the Dallas office of Haynes Boone as partners in the Finance Practice Group.

Markus and Johnston have spent the bulk of their careers handling complex finance transactions in a variety of sectors, including manufacturing, distribution, energy, and electronics. They represent lenders, including international and regional banks, private equity funds and corporate borrowers, and have particular experience handling syndicated and bilateral domestic and cross-border asset-based lending (ABL) transactions and leveraged financings in the commercial and industrial spaces.

Markus and Johnston join Haynes Boone from Vinson & Elkins LLP, where they were finance partners.

“We are thrilled to welcome this incredible team. Jim and Tim will bolster our strength, depth and ability to handle all facets of ABL and other types of complex finance transactions,” said [Neal Kaminsky](#), chair of Haynes Boone’s Finance Practice Group. “Our Finance Practice is a cornerstone of the firm and has enjoyed significant growth over the past year in Charlotte, New York and other markets. Adding Jim and Tim is an important part of our strategic growth plans for our Finance Practice.”

Markus’s practice spans commercial lending, corporate finance, loan workouts, and restructurings, with a special emphasis on ABL, syndicated financings, leveraged acquisitions, and mezzanine finance.

“Haynes Boone provides a perfect platform for us to grow our asset-based lending practice,” he said. “I also look forward to providing transactional support to the firm’s restructuring team. I know and have high regard for many bankruptcy lawyers at Haynes Boone.”

Johnston regularly advises clients on asset-based finance, syndicated finance, mezzanine and second lien finance, and loan workouts, as well as structuring and documenting cross-border financings. His clients are focused on various sectors, including the energy industry and its related service providers.

Johnston said he was attracted to Haynes Boone’s deep banking connections, focus on middle-market transactions, and its “collegial culture and environment.”

“I have interacted with a number of top-notch lawyers at Haynes Boone and greatly respect their work,” he said. “I am excited to grow my practice with Haynes Boone and its strong finance platform.”

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 more than 575 lawyers, Haynes Boone is ranked among the largest U.S.-based firms by *The National Law Journal*, *The American Lawyer* and *The Lawyer*. It also ranks among the nation's most recommended law firms by general counsel, according to BTI Consulting Group's "Most Recommended Law Firms 2019" report.