Keith Sambur Heads to Haynes and Boone, Broadening Distressed Debt Capabilities

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Haynes Boone welcomes new Partner Keith Sambur to the firm's Capital Markets and Securities Practice Group, where he represent clients in all aspects of financial restructurings, special situation investments, corporate transactions, complex inter-creditor disputes and creditors' rights litigation.

"I think our clients will quickly come to appreciate Keith's multi-disciplinary approach and wide range of experience with distressed debt and distressed mergers and acquisitions, especially within the dynamic energy sector," said Bill Nelson, co-chair of the practice. "In particular, we think his including deep knowledge and history dealing handling the peculiar needs of private equity firms will prove invaluable. We are very happy he is joining us in Denver."

Sambur said he was attracted to the firm by its nationally recognized bankruptcy practice at a time of great uncertainty in the energy markets.

"Haynes Boone's preeminent energy practice adds a level of depth and knowledge to the bankruptcy process that is unmatched and I believe these resources will provide my clients with a distinct advantage in energy related restructurings and investments," Sambur said. "I was as equally impressed by the firm's exceptional prime brokerage lending and real estate practice groups, the synergies my practice had with those practice groups and the many opportunities those resources would afford my clients."

Sambur brings with him impressive experience in the restructuring process, structuring and documenting corporate transactions and litigating contentious commercial matters. His multi-faceted background allows him to blend techniques and disciplines to create value and opportunity for clients.

In addition to representing secured and unsecured lenders, Sambur's client base includes hedge funds, investment banks and other financial institutions, which he advises in connection with strategic investments and the acquisition of "control positions" in troubled or highly leveraged companies.

He frequently counsels clients on the exercise of control rights in lending syndicates and bondholder groups, placing him in the forefront of cases shaping the landscape of distressed investing. Sambur has also counseled DIP and exit facility lenders as well as parties seeking to purchase assets pursuant to a "363" sale. Additionally, he has represented borrowers facing financial or operational distress.

Sambur also maintains an active general corporate practice, representing borrowers and lenders in lending transactions involving both non-investment grade and investment grade companies. He represents banks, investment banks, hedge funds and other financial institutions in connection with direct lending, as well as investments in syndicated loans in the secondary market.

He has lectured on a variety of restructuring issues for legal and business audiences. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Loan Syndications and Trading Association