

Three Experienced Bankruptcy Practitioners Move to Haynes and Boone

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The highly regarded Haynes Boone bankruptcy practice has attracted the services of three new partners who have established celebrated practices in Dallas and throughout the country.

[Eli Columbus](#), [Matt Ferris](#) and [Frasher Murphy](#) join the Dallas office from Winstead PC, adding to an already deep bankruptcy bench that has been recognized as one of the strongest in the nation.

"These three professionals bring extensive experience in significant Chapter 11 cases in Texas and nationally, including substantial work for national and regional banks," said [Ian Peck](#), head of the Bankruptcy and Reorganization Section. "Their practice syncs well with our current client base and adds substantial heft to our profile in the restructuring sector. We are extremely proud to welcome Eli, Matt and Frasher to our partnership and believe their arrival will ensure that Haynes Boone remains a dominant player in the bankruptcy market for years to come."

Peck said it is particularly noteworthy that the new Haynes Boone partners have recently amassed significant representations as part of the surge of oil and gas bankruptcies, which have been the focus of his group over the last several months.

Columbus, who chaired his former firm's bankruptcy group, focuses his practice primarily on business reorganization matters and out-of-court debt restructurings in a wide range of matters for a diverse group of clients, including banks and other financial institutions, secured creditors, unsecured creditors, creditor committees, debtors, plan trustees and buyers of distressed assets.

Ferris has more than 10 years experience in corporate restructuring, debtors' and creditors' rights and insolvency proceedings. His clients include secured lenders, debtors, unsecured creditors, bondholders, indenture trustees, landlords, equipment lessors and purchasers of distressed assets both in and out of court. He also has represented clients in bankruptcy litigation.

Murphy served as the chair of his previous firm's Turnaround and Workout Industry Group. He focuses his practice primarily on complex Chapter 11 cases, but he also has substantial experience representing parties in out-of-court restructuring and workout matters. *Chambers USA 2016*, Chambers & Partners, called Murphy one of the "Up and Coming" bankruptcy lawyers in Texas. Clients told Chambers researchers that he is "steady, practical and hard-working" and able to "assume responsibility in a difficult situation and do an admirable job."

The Bankruptcy and Business Restructuring Practice Group at Haynes Boone has long been recognized as one of a handful of teams in the nation fully equipped to handle the largest and most complex out-of-court financial restructurings and Chapter 11 reorganization cases.

The clients represented by Haynes Boone include debtors, creditors, lenders, equity security holders and agent banks. With partners and counsel that have been practicing for 25 years or

more, on average, and a dedicated team of well-trained associates, the practice features the knowledge, experience and skills to tackle the toughest of problems.

In ranking the Haynes Boone Bankruptcy and Reorganization Practice nationally and at the top of Texas-based law firms. *Chambers USA 2016*, Chambers & Partners, said the firm is “renowned for its work on complex bankruptcy and restructuring cases.” Its lawyers, researchers said, are “able to offer tailored advice to local organizations and particular expertise on matters relating to distressed oil and gas clients.”

The practice also “demonstrates significant expertise in advising debtors, creditors and landlords in distressed real estate matters,” Chambers said.