

# Jeffrey R. Dutson (Jeff)

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Jeff Dutson is a Financial Restructuring partner, with a focus on representing banks and other secured lenders in connection with their most complex workouts, restructurings, and bankruptcy matters. Jeff also frequently represents corporate debtors in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases throughout the country as well as buyers and sellers in distressed M&A transactions. Jeff’s practice spans a wide variety of industries, including the restaurant, healthcare, energy, transportation, manufacturing, and aviation industries.

Jeff has been recognized for his work in Bankruptcy and Restructuring by *Chambers USA 2020* and was selected as a “Rising Star” for Financial Restructuring in IFLR 1000’s Financial & Corporate guide. He is a fellow of the American College of Investment Counsel and a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute. Jeff currently serves on the Advisory Board for the Southeastern ABI Workshop.

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, Jeff is a graduate of the University of Chicago (where he earned his law degree, with honors) and the University of Georgia (where he earned his bachelor's degree, with honors). Prior to joining the firm, Jeff served as a law clerk for the Honorable E. Grady Jolly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

## **Selected Publications**

*Unitranche Credit Facilities and the LSTA New Form AAL*, American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, May 2019, with Sarah R. Borders and Jeffrey Misher

*Fifth Circuit Denies Post-Petition Default Interest to Fully Secured Creditors*, The Banking Law Journal, September 2019, with Sarah Primrose and Nadia Saleem

*Order's Up!: Navigating Complex Restaurant Restructurings*, American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, July 2018, with Sarah R. Borders.

*When Cash Might Not be King: Acquiring Nonprofit Hospitals in Bankruptcy*, American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, September 2017, with Paul K. Ferdinands.

*Going Once, Going Twice, Sold! (Maybe): Reopening Auctions*, American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, February 2014, with W. Austin Jowers.

*Successor Liability under the FLSA: Buyers of Distressed Companies Beware*, American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, June 2013, with Paul K. Ferdinands.

*"Unfinished Business" after Geron and Coudert Brothers*, Dow Jones Daily Bankruptcy Review, September 11, 2012, with Mark M. Maloney.

## Matters

Served as Debtors' counsel to **The Krystal Company**, and its affiliates, in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings in the Northern District of Georgia.

Representing **Truist Bank** (successor to SunTrust Bank) and **SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing** in *SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing v. International Speedway Corporation* (M.D. Fla.).

Represented **The Prudential Insurance Company of America**, as senior secured noteholder, in connection with the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of The Legal Coverage Group (E.D. Penn.).

Represented **Citizens Bank**, as secured lender, in connection with the pre-petition restructuring and Chapter 11 case of Schramm, Inc. (D. Del.), a manufacturer and supplier of branded land-based hydraulic drilling equipment.

Represented **Citizens Bank**, as administrative agent for senior secured lenders, in out-of-court restructuring of large mechanical design and manufacturing firm.

Representing **SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing** in connection with the Chapter 11 case of Dean Foods, America's largest milk producer.

Represented **TD Bank**, as LC Issuer and Lender, in connection with the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (N.D. Cal.), the nation's largest utility.

Served as Debtors' counsel to **Ignite Restaurant Group, Inc.**, and its affiliates, in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings in the Southern District of Texas.

Represented **Ignite Restaurant Group** in the successful out of court sale of its Macaroni Grill casual dining business.

Served as Debtor's counsel to **AstroTurf, LLC** in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case and sale of its business.

Represented **Medical Staffing Network Healthcare, LLC** in the sale of its business.

Served as Debtors' counsel to **Cagle's, Inc.** and **Cagle's Farms, Inc.** in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases and sale of their businesses. King & Spalding was recognized in connection with the Cagle's transaction, which was named 2013 National Transaction of the Year (Large Company Category) by the international Turnaround Management Association.

Served as Debtor's counsel to **MFM Industries, Inc.** in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case (D. Del.) and sale of its business.

Served as Debtors' counsel to **Sea Island Company** and its affiliates in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases (S.D. Ga.) and sale of their businesses.

Represented **GE Capital** as lender and debtor-in-possession lender in the Chapter 11 cases of

Scovill Fasteners Inc. and its affiliates.

Represented **GE Capital** as lender in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Black Crow Media Company in the restructuring of several radio stations in the Middle District of Florida.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

J.D., University of Chicago, with honors

B.A., University of Georgia, cum laude

### ADMISSIONS

Georgia

### CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk, Hon. E. Grady Jolly, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

## Recognition

Recognized as Up-and-Coming for Bankruptcy/Restructuring

CHAMBERS USA 2020 GUIDE

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Rising Star: Financial Restructuring

IFLR 1000 US, 2018 AND 2020

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## Insights

### CLIENT ALERT

*November 12, 2020*

The Airline Industry and the CARES Act: What Secured Lenders Need to Know

*October 28, 2020*

Ultra Petroleum Bankruptcy Court Again Allows Make-Whole Premiums, Postpetition Default Interest—At Least For Solvent Debtors

### NEWSLETTER

*January 21, 2021*

Energy Newsletter - January 2021

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## Events

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

*November 19, 2020*

Jeff Misher, Jeff Dutson, Leia Clement Shermohammed to Speak on Strafford Publications Webinar

*November 17, 2020*

Jeff Dutson to Speak American Bankruptcy Institute's Secured Credit Committee Panel

*November 9, 2020*

Jeffrey Dutson to Speak at Restaurant Finance Week 2020

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## News

### RECOGNITION

*October 8, 2021*

King & Spalding Earns Multiple Practice and Individual Rankings in 2021 IFLR1000 Guide

*October 8, 2021*

American Bankruptcy Institute Names Jeffrey Dutson to its “40 Under 40” Emerging Leaders in Insolvency List

*May 20, 2021*

Chambers USA 2021 Names 179 K&S Lawyers and 65 K&S Practice Groups as Leaders in Their Fields

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