

# Jeffrey R. Dutson (Jeff)

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Jeff Dutson is a financial restructuring partner in King & Spalding’s Atlanta office, with a focus on representing lenders and agents in connection with large commercial workouts and restructurings. Jeff has also represented debtors and other investors in a variety of Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases and insolvency matters. Jeff frequently represents institutional senior-secured lenders in syndicated credit facilities, with particular experience in the restaurant, healthcare, energy, transportation, manufacturing, and media industries.

Jeff has been selected as a “Rising Star” for Financial Restructuring in IFLR 1000’s Financial & Corporate guide. Jeff is a fellow of the American College of Investment Counsel and a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Turnaround Management Association. Jeff frequently speaks and has published a variety of articles on restructuring and insolvency issues. Jeff has served on the board for the NextGen Turnaround Management Association (Atlanta), and he is a member of the firm’s Atlanta office hiring committee.

Jeff is a graduate of the University of Chicago where he earned his law degree, with honors. He obtained a bachelor’s degree, with honors, from the University of Georgia. 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**

*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.

*Viewpoint: Creditors of Delaware LLCs Beware*, Dow Jones Daily Bankruptcy Review, November 16, 2011, with Mark M. Maloney.

## Matters

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 and sale of its business.

Represented Zacky Farms, LLC in the Chapter 11 sale of its businesses.

Served as Debtors' counsel to Sea Island Company and its affiliates in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases 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

Rising Star: Financial Restructuring

## Insights

### ARTICLE

September 16, 2019 • Source: *The Banking Law Journal*

Fifth Circuit Denies Post-Petition Default Interest to Fully Secured Creditors

### CLIENT ALERT

September 24, 2019

Eighth Circuit Rules No Successor Liability for Buyer from Asset Foreclosure Sale

### NEWSLETTER

August 8, 2019

Energy Newsletter - August 2019

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## Events

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

August 22, 2019

Jeff Dutson, Sarah Borders, Jeff Misher to Speak on Strafford Publications Webinar

July 28, 2017

Jeffrey Dutson to Moderate Panel at ABI's 22nd Annual Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop

## News

### IN THE NEWS

August 22, 2019 • Source: *Law360*

Larry Slovensky, Jeff Dutson and Aaron Parks file a \$46M suit on behalf of SunTrust against NASCAR and IndyCar racetrack owner International Speedway in federal court in Orlando

### PRESS RELEASE

November 30, 2017

King & Spalding Elects 17 New Partners and Promotes 12 Counsel Across Seven Offices

### RECOGNITION

November 9, 2017

IFLR 1000 Again Recognizes King & Spalding Among Top Financial & Corporate Law Firms in Jurisdictions Worldwide

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