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Michael R. Handler is a partner in King & Spalding's Financial Restructuring practice. Michael specializes in representing lenders and bondholders in all aspects of workout and restructuring matters. He also has significant experience representing financial institutions, institutional investors and large corporations in commercial finance transactions, mergers & acquisitions and other corporate transactions.

Michael earned his bachelor's degree and master's degree in History, *summa cum laude*, from Emory University and his law degree, *cum laude*, from Northwestern University School of Law, where he served as an Executive Articles Editor of the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology.

Publications

- *Third Circuit Permits Purchaser in Section 363 Sale to Make Payments to Interested Parties, Deviating from Bankruptcy Code Priority Scheme*, Pratt's Journal of Bankruptcy Law, April/May 2016, with Brad Eric Scheler and Alan Resnick.
- *A Law of Passion, Not of Principle, Nor Even Purpose: A Call to Repeal or Revise the Adam Walsh Act Amendments to the Bail Reform Act of 1984*, 101 Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology 279 (2013).

Matters

Represented an ad hoc group of minority term loan lenders and DIP lenders in connection with the Chapter 11 cases of **Ascena Retail Group, Inc.** in the Eastern District of Virginia

Represented an ad hoc group of term loan lenders in connection with the out-of-court restructuring of **Production Resource Group, L.L.C.** and certain of its affiliates.

Represented an ad hoc group of term loan lenders and DIP lenders in connection with the Chapter 11 cases of **APC Automotive Technologies LLC** in the District of Delaware

Represented a leading aftermarket auto parts manufacturer in connection with its out-of-court restructuring

Represented an ad hoc group of term loan lenders and DIP lenders in connection with the Chapter 11 cases of **Fairway Group Holdings Corp.** and its affiliated debtors filed in the Southern District of New York

Represented **Goldman Sachs Specialty Lending Group**, as the sole term loan lender and DIP lender, in connection with the Chapter 11 cases of **Gymboree Group, Inc.**, and its affiliated debtors filed in the Eastern District of Virginia.

Represented an ad hoc group of term loan lenders in the Chapter 11 cases of **Joerns Healthcare, LLC**, and its affiliated debtors filed in the District of Delaware.

Represented a cross-over secured and unsecured term loan lender group in the Chapter 11 cases of **Nine West Holdings, Inc.** and its affiliated debtors filed in the Southern District of New York.

Represented an ad hoc group of term loan lenders in the Chapter 11 cases of **Charlotte Russe, Inc.** and its affiliated debtors in the Chapter 11 cases filed in the District of Delaware.

Represented **Global Brokerage, Inc.** and its affiliated debtors in its Chapter 11 cases filed in the Southern District of New York.

Represented the **ad hoc first lien term loan committee** in the Chapter 11 cases of **Payless Holdings LLC** and its affiliated debtors filed in the Eastern District of Missouri.

Represented **UBS AG**, as agent for the second lien term loan lenders, in connection with the out-of-court restructuring of **The Brock Group**.

Represented **Jack Cooper Enterprises, Inc.** (“JCEI”) and **Jack Cooper Holdings Corp.** (“JCHC”) in connection with its refinancing and exchange (with a stapled prepackaged chapter 11 plan of reorganization) of JCEI’s 10.50%/11.25% Senior PIK Toggle Notes due 2019 and JCHC’s 9.25% Senior Secured Notes due 2020.

Represented **Invesco** and **Octagon Credit Investors** in the Chapter 11 cases of **DACCO Transmission Parts (NY), Inc** and its affiliated debtors filed in the Southern District of New York.

Represented a group of equity holders in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases of **GMG, Inc.** and its affiliated debtor filed in the Southern District of New York.

Represented **Ascribe Capital Management** and **Gates Capital Management, Inc.** in **ION Geophysical’s** refinancing and exchange of its 8.125% Senior Secured Second Priority Notes due 2018.

Represented **multiple brokerage creditors** in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases and SIPA Case of **MF Global** filed in the Southern District of New York.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., Northwestern University, cum laude
B.A., Emory University, summa cum laude
M.A., Emory University, summa cum laude

ADMISSIONS

New York

Recognition

Best Lawyer's Ones to Watch

CORPORATE - 2021

Best Lawyer's Ones to Watch

BANKRUPTCY AND CREDITOR DEBTOR RIGHTS / INSOLVENCY AND REORGANIZATION
LAW - 2021

Insights

ARTICLE

April 24, 2021 • Source: On the Edge

Pitfalls of Unequal Participation Rights in Syndicated DIP Financing

May 18, 2020 • Source: ABI Journal

The Good-Faith Defense to Fraudulent-Transfer Claims

September 23, 2019 • Source: New York Law Journal

Mitigating Lender Risk in Constructive Fraudulent Transfer Litigation

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News

CASES & DEALS

Fortress Completes Acquisition of Craftworks

IN THE NEWS

May 7, 2021 • Source: Law360

Law360 highlights the firm's partner promotions.

PRESS RELEASE

December 3, 2020

King & Spalding Elects 16 New Partners and Promotes Five Counsel Across Nine Cities

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