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Areas of Focus

Practice

Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring

Industry

Health Care

Tom leads the Real Estate, Health Care and Special Situations Groups of Griffin. Tom's transactional expertise includes M&A advisory, complex restructurings and recapitalizations, refinancings and capital raises for senior, second lien and subordinated debt, including assisting clients in special situations with transactional solutions to financial, operational or liquidity challenges. He has led and completed more than 50 transactional assignments.

In his bankruptcy legal practice, Tom represents creditors' committees, members of creditors' committees and ad hoc bond/noteholder committees in a broad range of issues. He also advises post-confirmation trusts and plan administrators in prosecuting avoidance actions and claims objections and all other matters necessary to complete the reorganization process. Tom has defended hundreds of avoidance actions and objections to claims. He also represents various types of creditors, including secured creditors, debtor-in-possession lenders, equipment lessors, landlords, tenants, utilities and trade creditors in asserting their rights or defenses in the bankruptcy or restructuring process.

Tom has represented several purchasers of assets pursuant to Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code in numerous regional and national cases. He assisted in representing a petitioner in prosecuting an appraisal action and in representing a plaintiff in an action seeking an emergency temporary restraining order in the Delaware Chancery Court. Tom also successfully assisted a national bank in obtaining summary judgment in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and in defeating a subsequent appeal to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals on a case of first impression on the interpretation of controlling insurance policies.

He appeared in the federal and state courts of Delaware and in other jurisdictions on various bankruptcy, restructuring and other commercial litigation matters.

Prior to joining Stevens & Lee and Griffin, Tom was a law clerk for the Honorable Thomas M. Twardowski of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Affiliations

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Turnaround Management Association
- Delaware State Bar Association, Commercial and Litigation sections
- American Bar Association

Education

- The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Post-Graduate Certificate, Finance and Accounting, 2009
- Temple University School of Law, J.D., 2000
- Temple University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1996

Bar Admissions

- Delaware

Court Admissions

- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware
- U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit