

Polsinelli Names David Karp as Chair of Restructuring & Strategic Capital Practice, Andrew Nazar as Vice Chair

Practice provides integrated counsel across the full capital structure leveraging Polsinelli's full-service, national platform

(Oct. 7, 2026) Polsinelli today announced its rebranded and expanded Restructuring & Strategic Capital Practice, naming David J. Karp Chair and Andrew J. Nazar Vice Chair as the group builds a premier offering specifically designed for the middle-market. The practice supports clients navigating complex capital structure issues, financial challenges and strategic opportunities, building on the scale, experience and capabilities of Polsinelli's full-service, national platform.

Polsinelli's Restructuring & Strategic Capital Practice counsels clients across all aspects of complex financial and capital structure challenges, bringing a practical, solutions-based approach and commercial perspective to each engagement. From liability management transactions, recapitalizations, workouts, opportunistic investments and distressed M&A to out-of-court restructurings and chapter 11 cases, the team helps clients address capital needs and pursue opportunities as readily as it helps them respond to distress. The Restructuring & Strategic Capital team draws on Polsinelli's deep bench in industries where capital needs, regulation and financial stress frequently arise, including distressed health care, oil & gas, retail, franchise & hospitality, real estate and trucking & transportation.

"Polsinelli's growth strategy is built on investing where our clients need us most, and this practice puts experienced counsel beside them at critical inflection points for their businesses," said Polsinelli Chairman and CEO Chase Simmons. "We're expanding our team and leveraging the breadth and reach of our platform to provide clients with sophisticated advice grounded in deep knowledge of their industries, from their first capital decision through their most complex challenges and beyond. David has a clear vision for where this practice is going, and the experience and skillset to take it there."

With more than 27 years of experience counseling investment funds, lenders and companies on matters ranging from billion-dollar chapter 11 reorganizations and loan-to-own strategies to DIP financings and out-of-court sales, Karp has a keen understanding of the restructuring market, how it has evolved and where it is headed. Middle-market companies' capital structures are becoming increasingly complex, and they expect sophisticated counsel delivered through a model designed specifically for them. Polsinelli is building this practice to meet that need.

"Our clients are constantly facing new capital challenges and opportunities, and they need counsel who can move quickly and see the full picture," said Karp. "We understand their businesses, industries and the market they're operating in, giving us the perspective to find the most efficient path forward that preserves value, protects the business and allows our clients to stay focused on executing their strategy. Whether that means a new financing, an out-of-court solution or a chapter 11 case, we work alongside our clients to deliver the right long-term result."

Nazar, a seasoned shareholder in Polsinelli's Kansas City office with more than 20 years of restructuring experience, serves alongside Karp as Vice Chair, supporting the practice's national coordination and continued expansion of its team and market presence. Nazar represents debtors, lenders and other

stakeholders in bankruptcy, workout and litigation matters, from complex forbearance negotiations and lender liability disputes to time-sensitive bankruptcy sales.

“Polsinelli has been my professional home for more than 20 years, and what keeps me here is a culture where lawyers are encouraged to build,” said Nazar. “Our people take ownership of their practices and have the full support of colleagues with deep industry and subject matter knowledge to fit clients’ needs. For restructuring lawyers who want to help shape a growing practice, this is a rare opportunity.”

In addition to leading its own matters, Polsinelli is experienced in representing clients in investigations and bankruptcy litigation, as well as independent directors in complex financial situations.

For more information, visit Polsinelli’s [Restructuring & Strategic Capital Practice](#).

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