

Bankruptcy & Restructuring

Polsinelli's Bankruptcy and Restructuring practice is a nationally recognized practice that is part of an Am Law 100 law firm with more than 1,200 attorneys in over 25 offices and a national footprint with attorneys from Delaware and New York, across the heartland, to Los Angeles that provides cost-efficient legal services to its clients via a mid-market rate structure and a collaborative culture. The attorneys primarily focus on representing Chapter 11 debtors, distressed borrowers and buyers and sellers of distressed assets. The Bankruptcy practice also represents official committees, trustees, individual creditors such as equity security holders, vendors, landlords and bankruptcy litigants throughout the United States. The Bankruptcy Group also focuses on non-bankruptcy alternatives, including assignments for the benefit of creditors, out-of-court workouts, receiverships and state court liquidations. In collaboration with Polsinelli's top-ranked health care practice, the Bankruptcy practice provides a special focus on distressed health care.

Polsinelli's Bankruptcy and Restructuring practice has received both statewide ranking for Bankruptcy and Restructuring as well as individual attorney rankings for attorneys in the practice from **Chambers USA** for multiple years as well as **Best Lawyers** and other rating agencies. The practice is also widely recognized for The Devil's Dictionary of Bankruptcy Terms and the Polsinelli/TrBK Distressed Indices.

Industry-specific experience includes:

- Distressed Health Care
- Oil & Gas
- Retail
- Franchise & Hospitality
- Real Estate
- Trucking & Transportation

We have represented all types of clients in every aspect of bankruptcy, insolvency, out-of-court workouts and litigation matters, including:

- Debtors & Debtors-in-Possession (DIP)
- Official & Ad Hoc Creditors & Equity Committees
- Chapter 7 & 11 Trustees
- Litigation & Liquidating Trustees
- Secured & DIP Lenders
- Indenture Trustees, Noteholders & Bondholders
- Asset Purchasers
- Landlords & Trade Creditors
- Examiners
- Plaintiffs & Defendants in Adversary Proceedings
- Chapter 9 Municipalities & Chapter 15 Foreign Recognition Debtors

Recognitions

- 16th Annual Turnaround Awards, Healthcare/Lifesciences Deal of the Year, 363 asset sale of Neopharma, Inc. and Neopharma Tennessee (“Neopharma USA”)
- 16th Annual Turnaround Awards, Distressed M&A Deal of the Year (\$10 million to \$25 million), Connections Community Support Programs, Inc.
- 14th Annual Turnaround Atlas Awards, Consumer Goods Restructuring of the Year, Basic Fun! Liability Management and Recapitalization
- 14th Annual Turnaround Atlas Awards, Private Equity Deal of the Year sm: Gorham Paper & Tissue and White Mountain Tissue Chapter 11 restructuring and acquisition of assets by Behrens Investment Group
- 12th Annual International M&A Advisor Awards, Restructuring Deal of the Year, Chapter 11 Sale of Orchids Paper Products Company
- 12th Annual M&A Atlas Awards, Cross-Border M&A Deal of the Year (Mid Market), Cascades acquires substantially all of the assets of Orchids Paper Products Company including Fabrica de Papel
- 12th Annual M&A Atlas Awards, Chapter 11 Restructuring of the Year (Mid-Markets), Senior Care Centers Chapter 11 Restructuring and Refinance
- 14th Annual M&A Advisor Turnaround Awards, Healthcare/Life Sciences Deal of the Year (\$50 million to \$100 million), Restructuring of Elements Behavioral Health
- 10th Annual M&A Atlas Awards, Retail Services Restructuring of the Year (above \$500 million), Payless ShoeSource Restructuring
- 10th Annual M&A Atlas Awards, Turnaround of the Year (\$50 million to \$100 million), California Proton Treatment Center Chapter 11 Restructuring and Recapitalization

Matters

- Lead counsel to Esco, Ltd. d/b/a Shoe City in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Co-counsel to Ector County Energy Center in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Lead counsel to American Eagle Delaware Holding Company, LLC and its affiliates in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases (Del.).
- Lead counsel to Mecta Corporation and Balance Point LLC in their subchapter v bankruptcy cases (Del.).
- Lead counsel to Creditors’ Committee in Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Connections Community Support Programs, Inc.
- Co-counsel to Gorham Paper and Tissue, LLC and White Mountain Tissue, LLC in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.
- Delaware bankruptcy counsel and conflicts counsel to Creditors’ Committee in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Ravn Air Group, Inc., et al.
- Lead counsel to Virtual Citadel, Inc. in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy.
- Delaware bankruptcy counsel and conflicts counsel to Creditors’ Committee in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Southland Royalty Company LLC.
- Served as co-counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of EP Energy Corporation.
- Served as co-counsel to the ad hoc committee of equity holders in the Bristow Resources Bankruptcy.
- Los Angeles bankruptcy counsel to Creditors’ Committee in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Yeuting Jia.
- Washington state bankruptcy counsel to Creditor’s Committee in chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Astria Health, et al.
- Served as lead counsel to the ex officio ad hoc committee of equity security holders in Legacy Resources.
- Lead counsel to Lucky’s Market Parent Company, LLC and its affiliates in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.
- Delaware Bankruptcy counsel to Dundee Pikco Limited in its Chapter 15 foreign recognition bankruptcy case.

- Lead counsel to Bayou Steel Group d/b/a BD LaPlace, LLC, Bayou Steel BD Holdings, L.L.C., and BD Bayou Steel Investment, L.L.C. in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.
- Lead counsel to PetroShare Corp. in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Lead counsel to Senior Care Centers and its 120 affiliates in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.
- Lead counsel to Orchids Paper Products Company and its affiliates in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.
- Delaware bankruptcy counsel to SportCo Holdings, Ellett Brothers, United Sporting Companies, and their affiliates in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.
- Lead counsel to the Creditors' Committee in the Chapter 11 case of L.K. Bennett U.S.A., Inc.
- Lead counsel to the Creditors' Committee in the Chapter 11 cases of Cherry Bros. LLC d/b/a Cherrydale Farms.
- Lead counsel to EBH Topco, LLC, Elements Behavioral Health, Inc. and their affiliates in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.
- Lead counsel to specialty hospital and physician group in their out of court liquidation in El Paso, TX.
- Lead counsel to ActiveCare, Inc. and its affiliate in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.
- Lead counsel to Jet Midwest Group, LLC in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Lead counsel to Ensequence, Inc. in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Lead counsel to Landlord and Licensor to Hoag Urgent Care-Tustin, Inc., et al in debtors' jointly administered chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.
- Lead counsel to PhaseRx, Inc. in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Lead counsel to The Original Soupman, Inc. in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Lead counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Don Rose Oil Co., Inc.
- St. Louis bankruptcy counsel and conflicts counsel to Creditors' Committee in the first and second Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Payless ShoeSource, LLC.
- Delaware bankruptcy counsel to CIBER, Inc. in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Lead bankruptcy and litigation counsel to JMO Wind Down, Inc. (f/k/a Jumio, Inc.) Liquidating Trust
- Co-Counsel to California Proton Therapy Center in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Delaware bankruptcy counsel and conflicts counsel to Creditors' Committee in chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Golfsmith International Holdings, Inc.
- Delaware bankruptcy counsel and conflicts counsel to Creditors' Committee of Energy Futures Holdings Corp., et al., the seventh largest Chapter 11 bankruptcy case ever filed.
- Lead debtor's counsel in Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Total Hockey, Inc., et al.
- Delaware bankruptcy counsel and conflicts counsel to Creditors' Committee in chapter 11 bankruptcy case Vestis Retail Group, LLC (owner of EMS (Eastern Mountain Sports), Bob's Stores, and Sport Chalet retail chains).
- Lead debtor's counsel to Lake Lotawana Community Improvement District in Chapter 9 bankruptcy case.
- Special Counsel to Chapter 7 Trustee of New Source Energy Partners, L.P.
- Lead counsel to Creditors' Committee in chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Osage Exploration and Development, Inc.
- Co-counsel to Creditors' Committee in Santa Fe Gold in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Co-counsel to Wire Holdings Company/New York Wire in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Delaware bankruptcy counsel and conflicts counsel to Affirmative Insurance Holdings Company in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Lead counsel to Wilmington Trust, as indenture trustee, in Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Overseas Shipholding Group.
- Delaware bankruptcy counsel and conflicts counsel to the Creditors' Committee in The Standard Register Company Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Lead counsel to Chapter 11 debtor, Airborne Media Group, a digital media provider.
- Lead counsel to Chapter 11 debtors Marinas International Consolidated, LP.
- Co-Counsel to Official Committee of Student Creditors of Corinthian College, a for profit educational institution, in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Special litigation counsel to Indianapolis Downs, LLC in their Chapter 11 cases.
- Delaware bankruptcy counsel and conflicts counsel to Creditors' Committee of publicly-traded Allied Nevada Gold Corp.
- Delaware bankruptcy counsel to Creditors' Committee in Chapter 11, and lead counsel to Chapter 7 Trustee, in bankruptcy case of Simplexity, LLC.

- Delaware bankruptcy counsel to Wilmington Trust, as indenture trustee, in Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Radio Shack.
- Delaware bankruptcy counsel and conflicts counsel to commercial airline Chapter 11 debtors Global Aviation Holdings Inc.
- Lead plaintiffs counsel of a class action consisting of more than 44,000 members in Residential Capital, LLC's Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding, including representation of lead plaintiff on the official committee of unsecured creditors of Rescap.
- Lead counsel to Creditors' Committee in Chapter 11 and special litigation counsel to Chapter 7 trustee and rural wireless provider Open Range Communications, Inc.
- Lead counsel to Creditors' Committee of Revel Casino.
- Lead counsel to Chapter 11 debtors and online clothing retailer Signature Styles, LLC.
- Lead counsel to Creditors' Committee and Plan Administrator of rural telecommunications provider Crossroads Wireless in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- Lead counsel to Creditors' Committee and Plan Administrator for destination vacation club Ultimate Escapes in its Chapter 11 case.
- Conflicts counsel and Delaware bankruptcy counsel to Chapter 11 debtors and national bus line Coach America.
- Lead counsel to Chapter 11 debtor Blue Springs Ford.
- Counsel to Creditors' Committee and Plan Administrator for food producer Interstate Bakers in its initial Chapter 11 case.
- Conflicts counsel and Delaware bankruptcy counsel to prefabricated home manufacturer Palm Harbor Homes in its Chapter 11 case.
- Special litigation counsel to Chapter 7 trustee Doveview, LLC in its Chapter 7 case.
- Delaware bankruptcy counsel to petitioning creditors in involuntary Chapter 11 case; Creditors' Committee in Chapter 11 case; Liquidating Trustee post-confirmation for automobile company Saab Cars of North America.
- Counsel to German Insolvency Administrator in filing Chapter 15 bankruptcy in St. Louis, Missouri, seeking recognition of the German insolvency proceeding, to safeguard the assets and allow the German Insolvency Administrator to sell the German business as a going concern.

Publications

March 3, 2026

4th Quarter 2025 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

February 2026

Orphans of the storm: the rise of 'mega bankruptcies'

Quoted, Financier Worldwide

January 16, 2026

More Americans are filing for bankruptcy. Here's what's behind the surge.

Quoted, CBS News MoneyWatch

December 2025

Two Roads to Dismissal Diverged in a Bankruptcy Appeal

Co-Author, ABI Journal

November 11, 2025

3rd Quarter 2025 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

October 14, 2025

Drafting Around the Problem of the Nonparticipating Class in Subchapter V

Co-Author, ABI Journal

August 1, 2025

2nd Quarter 2025 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

April 29, 2025

1st Quarter 2025 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

February 2025

4th Quarter 2024 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

December 16, 2024

Getting Past the Sugar High

Quoted, McKnights

December 12, 2024

Long-term Care Leads Healthcare in Number of Distressed Properties

Quoted, McKnights Senior Living

November 19, 2024

Spirit Airlines cleared \$5.4M in retention awards before bankruptcy

Quoted, CFO Dive

November 12, 2024

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August 15, 2024

Senior care leads in healthcare bankruptcies

Quoted, McKnights Senior Living

August 14, 2024

Senior living and care leads record-breaking distress in healthcare sector bankruptcy filings

Quoted, McKnights Senior Living

July 30, 2024

2nd Quarter 2024 Chapter 11, Health Care and Real Estate Distress Indices

May 23, 2024

Nursing home closures sting New England hospitals

Quoted, Modern Healthcare

April 26, 2024

ABI President Chris Ward Talks Fees, Purdue Pharma, Phillies

Quoted, Law360

April 3, 2024

Commercial Chapter 11s jump 43% even as distress outlook eases

Quoted, Legal Dive

April 3, 2024

Interest Rates Help Drive Commercial Ch. 11s Up 43% In Q1

Quoted, Law360

April 2024

1st Quarter 2024 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

March 25, 2024

Small Business Ch. 11s Help Drive Rise In Bankruptcies

Quoted, Law360

March 20, 2024

Riding My Peloton Bike Makes Me A Better Lawyer

Author, Law360

February 7, 2024

Corporate Bankruptcy Process

Presenter, CFA Society of New York's 34th Annual High Yield Bond Conference

February 1, 2024

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January 26, 2024

Senior living and care among leaders in healthcare bankruptcies in 2023

Quoted, McKnights Senior Living

January 2, 2024

DCGL Amendment May Breathe New Life Into Zombie Companies

2024

The Professional's Guide to Non-Bankruptcy Alternatives

Co-Author, American Bankruptcy Institute

November 15, 2023

Celsius Bankruptcy Transformation Depends on SEC's Blessing

Quoted, Bloomberg Law

November 2023

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September 7, 2023

"Party in Interest" Podcast Featuring ABI President-Elect Chris Ward - Ep. 252

Featured, American Bankruptcy Institute

August 15, 2023

Bankruptcy 'burn rates' drive some firms to file Chapter 7s: ABI's Ward

Quoted, CFO Dive

July 2023

2nd Quarter 2023 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

May 25, 2023

Navigating Zombies and Alter-Egos: Eleventh Circuit Reaffirms Standards for Receiver Standing

Featured, Best of ABI 2022: The Year in Business Bankruptcy

May 3, 2023

The MOAC Decision: Implications for DIP Lenders, Not Just for Asset Purchasers

April 2023

1st Quarter 2023 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

January 2023

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July 15, 2022

Another Retail Bankruptcy Wave May Be On Its Way

Co-Author, Law360

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August 2021

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April 1, 2021

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February 2021

4th Quarter 2020 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

2021

The Zone of (In)solvency: Fiduciary Duties and Standards of Review for Corporations and Limited Liability Companies

Co-Author, American Bankruptcy Institute

November 2020

3rd Quarter 2020 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

August 2020

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April 1, 2020

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January 2020

4th Quarter 2019 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

November 2019

3rd Quarter 2019 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

August 14, 2019

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May 2019

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March 2019

4th Quarter 2018 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

November 2018

3rd Quarter 2018 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

August 2018

2nd Quarter 2018 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

April 2018

1st Quarter 2018 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

February 2017

4th Quarter 2017 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

Increases in Distress Indices Show Disturbing Economic Trend

August 2017

2nd Quarter 2017 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

June 2017

Special Report Reveals Outcomes in Single Asset Real Estate Chapter 11 Cases

November 2014

3rd Quarter 2014 Chapter 11, Healthcare and Real Estate Distress Indices

September 8, 2014

Part Three: Catching Judge Sontchi's "Flurry of Opinions"

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June 12, 2014

Anna Nicole Smith Revisited: Supreme Court Closes Gap on "Stern Claims"; Declines to Clarify Jurisdiction for Certain Bankruptcy Litigation Claims