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Practices

Bankruptcy &
Insolvency
Mergers & Acquisitions

James Matour concentrates his practice in corporate reorganization, bankruptcy, and commercial workouts, and has more than 35 years of experience representing debtors, creditors, and other parties in bankruptcy cases. He also has extensive experience handling mergers and acquisitions of both healthy and distressed businesses, as well as other corporate transactions. Jim is listed in both *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, and in *Best Lawyers in America*.

Education

J.D., *cum laude*,
Delaware Law School,
1980
B.A., LaSalle University,
1976

Jim's approach is to focus, first and foremost, on finding a business solution to a distressed situation, using legal strategies to execute the business plan through negotiation, refinancing, sale of the enterprise or, if necessary, Chapter 11. Chambers and Partners describes him as a "standout lawyer who is practical, has a strong business approach and has unbelievable rapport with judges." Also, Jim never loses sight of the personal challenge and stress of facing business distress and is gratified to count many of his former clients as his closest friends.

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania
United States Court of
Appeals Sixth Circuit
United States District
Court Eastern District of
Pennsylvania

Representative Experience

- Guided a highly regarded, financially distressed, non-profit school for students with special needs through a dramatic downsizing, introduced a private lender who provided a \$1million bridge loan within a week, and avoided closure by negotiating the sale of the school to a for-profit company, which also required obtaining Attorney General approval in 2 weeks.
- Successfully reorganized a state-of-the-art, full service pet business through Chapter 11 and confirmed a reorganization plan that included the cramdown of the bank lender's claim which was reduced by over 30%. The business is thriving and the founders remain in control.
- Represented a large commercial printer in a continually shrinking market in a series of out of court restructurings and refinancings over a period of 20 years, with substantial debt relief realized on each round.
- Represented a domestic manufacturer of high end, household name brand, specialized sporting goods in a business restructure, refinancing and ultimate successful sale of the enterprise.
- Aggressively represented a non-institutional creditor in the Chapter 11 case of a specialized defense contractor with little liquidation value and succeeded in obtaining the right to promulgate a competing reorganization plan, with the result that the creditor was paid in full, with interest, and was awarded substantial fees and expenses for making a substantial

contribution in the case.

- Represented the founder and co-owner of a nationally prominent, multi-state residential and outpatient behavioral health institution in a highly contested Chapter 11 case that resulted in substantial debt reduction, with the founder emerging as the sole owner without additional cash investment.

Professional and Community Activities

Professional Activities

- Adjunct Professor, Lehigh University M.B.A Program 2012 – Present
- Member, Turnaround Management Association
- Health Care Insolvency Committee, American Bankruptcy Institute, 1995 – Present
- Contributing Editor, *The Bankruptcy Strategist*, 1985 – 2000
- Member, Philadelphia Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association

Community Activities

- Chairman, Board of Trustees, Philadelphia Youth Orchestra
- Board of Directors, Treasurer, Philly Pops
- Board of Trustees, Abraham Lincoln Foundation, 2013 – 2018
- Board of Directors, Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project, 1994 – 2017
- Member, Union League of Philadelphia, 1994 – Present

Speeches and Presentations

- "Turnarounds and Bankruptcy," Lehigh University College of Business and Economics.
- "Successful Workouts," Reed Seminars Video.
- "Representing Directors and Officers," Bench-Bar Conference.
- "Fundamentals of Chapter 11," Pennsylvania Bar Institute.
- "Chapter 11 Issues," Pennsylvania Judicial Conference.
- "Asset Protection," Philadelphia Bar Association.

Professional Recognition

- Named Philadelphia 2021 Lawyer of the Year – Bankruptcy Litigation - by Best Lawyers in America.
- Named a *Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyer*, 2020.
- Named a Leader in Bankruptcy/Restructuring by *Chambers USA – America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*, 2006 – Present.
- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2007 – Present.
- Named by *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* magazine as a top attorney in Bankruptcy Law as the result of a statewide poll of lawyers, 2004 –Present.
- *Delaware Journal of Corporate Law*, 1978 – 1980.

NEWS / EVENTS

Press Releases

- Dilworth Paxson Welcomes New Partner James M. Matour
- Dilworth Attorneys Named 2014 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Chambers USA 2014 Ranks Dilworth Attorneys Among the Best in Pennsylvania and New Jersey
- Dilworth Attorneys Named 2015 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers And Rising Stars
- Nine Dilworth Lawyers named Best in America
- Dilworth Attorneys Named 2016 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers And Rising Stars
- Five Dilworth Attorneys Ranked In Chambers USA 2016
- Ten Dilworth Attorneys Named to 2017 The Best Lawyers in America® List
- Dilworth Attorneys Named 2017 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Dilworth Attorneys Ranked Again In Chambers USA 2017
- Twelve Dilworth Attorneys Named to 2018 The Best Lawyers in America® List
- Twenty-One Dilworth Attorneys Named 2018 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Dilworth Attorneys Recognized Again for Bankruptcy/Restructuring Work In Chambers USA



JAMES M. MATOUR

2018

- Sixteen Dilworth Paxson Attorneys Named to 2019 The Best Lawyers in America© List
- Twelve Dilworth Paxson Attorneys Recognized in 2019 Pennsylvania's Best Lawyers Publication
- Five Dilworth Attorneys Honored for Outstanding Legal Work in Chambers USA 2019
- Nineteen Dilworth Attorneys Named 2019 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Eighteen Dilworth Paxson Attorneys Named to 2020 The Best Lawyers in America© List
- DP Partners Named to Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers

E-Alerts

- RadioShack Liquidating Trustee Seeking Recovery of Preferences
- Payless Files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy
- Benefits of New Subchapter V Bankruptcies: Now Available to Businesses with Total Debts of \$7.5 Million or Less