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Jamie Knox's finance practice assists borrowers and lenders in the structuring of acquisition financings and refinancings of existing indebtedness, and encompasses the full range of corporate finance alternatives for both investment-grade and below-investment-grade borrowers, including syndicated credit facilities, high yield and investment grade bond offerings, asset-based financings, mezzanine financings, debtor-in-possession financings and debt private placements.

- Corporate
- Private Equity
- Capital Markets
- Debt Capital Markets

Jamie, in his corporate practice, has represented NYSE-listed public companies on an ongoing basis, providing advice concerning acquisitions, securities offerings, corporate governance, disclosure and securities regulations.

Jamie's clients have included many of the largest investment banks, public and private companies, private equity funds and hedge funds. He has worked with companies in many industries, among them consumer products, REITs, health care and life sciences, technology and industrial chemicals.

Jamie is a Trustee of the Citizens Budget Commission and the Board Chair of the Heketi Community Charter School.

Jamie is chair of DLA Piper's New York Finance group.

Jamie's transactional experience includes:

- Syndicated leveraged loan financings
- Secured and unsecured high-yield debt offerings
- Investment grade debt offerings
- Debtor-in-possession financings
- Asset-based financings

- Mezzanine financings
- Bridge loan financings
- Debt private placements
- Debt tender and exchange offers and consent solicitations
- Acquisitions of public and private companies
- Initial public offerings on the NYSE and Nasdaq
- Private equity fund formations

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- California
- New York

Recognitions

The Legal 500 United States

2020 - Recommended, Capital Markets Equity Offerings – Advice to Managers

The Legal 500 comments, "New York-based finance practice chair Jamie Knox is also noted for his experience in IPOs."

2020 - Recommended, Commercial Lending – Advice to Lenders

The Legal 500 comments, "In New York, partners such as East Coast chair Jamie Knox is also noted for this advice representing borrowers."

2019 - Recommended, Capital Markets Equity Offerings – Advice to Managers

2016-19 - Recommended, Commercial Lending – Advice to Lenders

2012-13, 2015-19 - Recommended, Capital Markets Debt Offerings – Advice to Issuers

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School 2002
cum laude
- A.B., Harvard College 1997
cum laude

INSIGHTS

Publications

Direct Lending Report 2022: Going mainstream

7 April 2022

Direct lenders have proved the doubters wrong. This is especially true across the European leveraged finance market that was, until recently, controlled by traditional banks. The inroads made by private debt funds in a few short years have been impressive. In this report we look back over a year of abundance and outline what can be expected in 2022

Old dog, new tricks: Direct lending in the US

7 April 2022

The US direct lending market may be more mainstream than its European cousin but was far from dull, enjoying its biggest year ever in 2021. Fundraisers in the US direct lending market pulled off a remarkable feat in 2020. As panic set in around the world and businesses batted down the hatches, private debt managers celebrated a stand-out year.

The journey continues: The future of direct lending

7 April 2022

Europe's direct lending market has come an awful long way over the past decade, and yet has so much more room to grow. Direct lending is becoming mainstream but forecasts show it could become commonplace. Oxford University's Said Business School has estimated that assets under management (AUM) may rise by up to 50% in the medium term if market penetration grows in line with current levels seen in the US, measured by AUM as a percentage of GDP.

Events

- Moderator, "The Graduate: How private equity sponsors find value amid extreme competition," 6th Annual Thomson Reuters LPC Middle Market Loans Conference, New York (April 25, 2018)
- Moderator, "The Private Equity Perspective: The Outlook for Deal Opportunities in 2017 and Beyond," 5th Annual Thomson Reuters LPC Middle Market Loans Conference, New York (April 27, 2017)
- Moderator, "The Private Equity Perspective: The Outlook for Deal Opportunities in 2016 and Beyond," 4th Annual Thomson Reuters LPC Middle Market Loans Conference, New York (April 27, 2016)
- Panelist, "Funding Alternatives for Mid-Market Companies," Debtwire Mid-Market Financing Forum, Chicago (June 4, 2015)
- Panelist, "Trends in Leveraged Finance," Debtwire Leveraged Finance Roundtable, New York (July 11, 2013)
- Panelist, "Covenant-Lite Loans: Leveraged Lending in the Syndicated Loan Market," Strafford Publications Webinar (May 30, 2013)
- Panelist, "Trends in Leveraged Finance," Debtwire Leveraged Finance Roundtable, New York (June 14, 2012)
- Panelist, "Covenant-Lite Loans: Emerging Trend in the Syndicated Loan Market," Strafford Publications Webinar (May 16, 2012)

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Seaspan Corporation in US\$201.25 million 3.75% exchangeable senior notes offering

4 January 2021

DLA Piper represented Seaspan Corporation, a leading independent owner and operator of containerships, in its offering of US\$201.25 million principal amount of 3.75% exchangeable senior notes due 2025 closed on December 21, 2020.

DLA Piper advises Concord in closing of US\$1 billion in debt financing

18 August 2020

DLA Piper represented Concord in a US\$600 million term loan B debt offering and US\$450 million revolving credit facility, providing the company with access to over US\$1 billion of total debt financing in one of the largest music industry financings in recent times.
