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Kevin Kobbe has a diverse bankruptcy and corporate restructuring practice.

He represents debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, asset purchasers and other stakeholders in bankruptcy cases and out-of-court restructurings throughout the nation. He has experience in handling matters involving financially distressed companies in a wide variety of industries, including construction, energy, financial services, gaming, healthcare, manufacturing, real estate, retail and technology. Kevin has restructured billions of dollars in distressed debt and has handled the disposition of hundreds of distressed companies and properties.

Kevin also represents clients in a broad range of complex litigation matters before federal and state courts, including all types of bankruptcy litigation, lender liability litigation and real estate litigation. He has acted as lead counsel for clients in hundreds of trials and evidentiary hearings in jurisdictions throughout the nation. In 1996, Kevin was lead defense counsel in the first jury trial in the history of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland.

Kevin also has extensive experience in state court insolvency matters. For the past several years, he has acted as national receivership counsel for an international firm that serves as the court-appointed receiver for distressed shopping centers and other revenue-producing properties. In connection with this representation, he has handled the sale of receivership properties in numerous states and has managed a broad range of litigation matters arising out of the receiverships.

REPRESENTATIVE BANKRUPTCY COURT MATTERS

- Representation of senior living company as Chapter 11 debtor in case resulting in confirmed plan providing for US\$360 million going concern sale of assets and restructure of US\$2 billion in debt
- Representation of national retailer as Chapter 11 debtor in case resulting in successful going concern sale of assets
- Representation of international telecommunications company as Chapter 11 debtor in litigation

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Restructuring
- Finance
- Corporate
- Real Estate
- Debt Finance
- Banking and Finance Litigation
- Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Disputes
- Commercial Contracts Disputes
- IT and Telecoms Disputes
- Real Estate Finance
- Asset Based Lending
- Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes
- Private Equity
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital

- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Hospitality and Leisure

involving disputed claims of governmental entities totaling more than US\$400 million

- Representation of national educational services company as involuntary debtor in securing dismissal of involuntary bankruptcy petition and achieving comprehensive settlement with creditors and other stakeholders
- Representation of successful purchaser in contested bankruptcy sale of portfolio of intellectual property valued at US\$80 million
- Representation of successful purchaser in US\$40 million bankruptcy sale of biotechnology assets
- Representation of asset purchaser in successful defense, following a three-week trial, of post-sale claims asserted by Chapter 11 creditors' committee seeking to challenge sale on grounds of fraud
- Representation of a committee of trade vendors in litigation of more than 600 adversary proceedings involving complex reclamation and avoidance issues
- Representation of surety with US\$1.2 billion secured claim in Chapter 11 case of international construction company
- Representation of pension fund with US\$150 million secured claim in litigation matters arising in Chapter 11 case of national real estate developer
- Representation of lender group with US\$100 million secured claim in Chapter 11 case of national manufacturing company
- Representation of state agencies in litigation and comprehensive settlement of US\$120 million claim asserted by debtor in Chapter 11 case of international construction company
- Representation of insurer in litigation involving disputed ownership of thousands of mortgage loan assets in connection with Chapter 11 case of national mortgage lender
- Representation of landlord group in complex litigation relating to sale of leases and designation rights in connection with Chapter 11 case of national retailer
- Representation of national credit card issuer in successful effort to secure appointment of Chapter 11 trustee to investigate claims of self-dealing against directors and officers of financial services companies
- Representation of directors in successful defense of US\$30 million claims for breach of fiduciary duty and corporate waste

- Industrials
- Technology
- Financial Services

REPRESENTATIVE FEDERAL AND STATE COURT LITIGATION MATTERS

- Representation of national real estate developers in obtaining defense jury verdict in US\$35 million federal court lawsuit involving claims for fraud and other business torts relating to loss of business
- Representation of private equity firm in obtaining defense judgment at trial of US\$15 million dollar state court lawsuit involving complex issues relating to use of telecommunications facility
- Representation of national financial institution in securing dismissal of all claims after opening statement in state court jury trial of US\$40 million dollar lender liability lawsuit relating to borrower's failed business venture
- Representation of international insurance company in litigation before multiple courts involving \$800 million claim
- Representation of national financial institution in securing dismissal of multimillion-dollar lender liability claims relating to refusal to fund advances requested by borrower
- Representation of international lender in comprehensive settlement of multimillion-dollar lender liability litigation pending in various United States and foreign courts
- Representation of second lien lender in multimillion-dollar litigation with first lien lender under a complex intercreditor agreement
- Representation of national real estate developers in successful defense at trial of multimillion-dollar federal court lawsuit involving various contract and business tort claims relating to alleged wrongful takeover of property
- Representation of public health and retirement company in obtaining defense jury verdict in state court lawsuit involving various business tort claims relating to disputed ownership of multimillion-dollar assets

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Maryland

Recognitions

- Named a Maryland Super Lawyer, 2007 through present (*Baltimore* magazine)
- Named among only 40 "Legal Elite" Maryland attorneys (*Baltimore SmartCEO* magazine)
- Rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Process, which is the highest available rating as established by confidential peer opinions

Education

- J.D., University of Pennsylvania 1990
- B.A., Wichita State University 1987
summa cum laude

Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland

Memberships

- American Bar Association, Sections of Litigation and Business Law
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Various state and local Bar Associations

INSIGHTS

Events

Kevin frequently lectures on bankruptcy, creditors' rights and litigation issues to attorneys, accountants, financial professionals and trade associations.