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Christopher Andrew Jarvinen is a partner of the Berger Singerman's Business Reorganization Team. His practice focuses on serving in leading roles in chapter 11 cases, chapter 15 cases and other cross-border insolvency matters, out-of-court restructurings and bankruptcy-related litigation. Mr. Jarvinen's extensive experience has equipped him to provide clients with value-added, cost-effective solutions for complex business and litigation problems arising in the context of financially-distressed situations and corporate restructurings.

Mr. Jarvinen has a particular interest and specialty in formulating tactical "play books" to provide clients with sets of strategies for protecting and enhancing their private property rights in the face of potential or actual bankruptcy filings. Mr. Jarvinen's practice also includes providing governance advice to companies, their boards and senior executives with respect to their fiduciary duties in relation to insolvency and other matters.

Immediately prior to rejoining Berger Singerman during 2019, Mr. Jarvinen was a partner with the Bankruptcy & Restructuring practice group of Richards Kibbe & Orbe LLP in New York. Earlier, before Mr. Jarvinen originally joined Berger Singerman in 2011, he was a partner with the Bankruptcy & Restructuring practice group at Hahn & Hessen LLP in New York. Earlier in his career, Mr. Jarvinen was an associate in New York with, respectively, the Bankruptcy & Corporate Reorganization practice group at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP and the Business Restructuring & Reorganization at Kronish, Lieb, Weiner & Hellman, LLP (n/k/a Cooley LLP).

Publications

Christopher has authored or co-authored numerous articles that have been published in the United States,

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Europe and Latin America analyzing a wide range of restructuring issues. Christopher's publications include articles analyzing cross-border insolvencies and Chapter 15 of the US Bankruptcy Code in the New York Law Journal, current developments under Brazil's corporate bankruptcy and restructuring law in the course book for the Practising Law Institute's 30th Annual Current Developments in Bankruptcy & Reorganization, the impact of recent amendments to the US Bankruptcy Code on business bankruptcies in International Corporate Rescue, the treatment of claims in Chapter 11 cases made under "golden parachute" provisions in executive employment agreements in Norton's Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law and a primer on key provisions of a Recuperação Judicial (Judicial Reorganization) and Recuperação Extrajudicial (Out-of-Court Reorganization) under Brazil's corporate insolvency statute in Norton's Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law. Christopher's recent articles include:

- The Potential New Chapter 14 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code – What Practitioners and Courts Need to Know, ABI JOURNAL (expected 2019)
- United States: Restructuring & Insolvency, The Legal 500 & The In-House Lawyer (3rd edition) (May, 2019)
- True-Sales: The Quest Continues to Create a Comprehensive Doctrine to Guide Investors, Creditors and the Courts, TMA-JOURNAL OF CORPORATE RENEWAL (October, 2018)
- Laboring in Pain: Excessive Protection of Labor Interests under Argentine Insolvency Law, ABI JOURNAL (July, 2016)
- A Primer on the Brazilian Bankruptcy and Restructuring Law, ABI JOURNAL (June, 2014)
- An Absolute Difference of Opinion: The Split of Authority Over Whether the "Absolute Priority Rule" Applies in Individual Chapter 11 Cases Under the United States Bankruptcy Code, 10 INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE RESCUE 382 (Vol. 10, Issue 6, 2013)
- Recent Developments Under the Brazilian Bankruptcy Law, BANKRUPTCY & REORGANIZATION 2013: CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS (Practising Law Institute, April, 2013)
- Brazil- Claims Presentation and Resolution in Insolvency Proceedings, TECHNICAL BOOK SERIES (INSOL, September, 2008)
- The Paradox of Chapter 15: Rigid on Access, Flexible on Relief, NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL (September 8, 2008)
- Current Developments Under the New Bankruptcy and Restructuring Law in Brazil, 30TH ANNUAL CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN BANKRUPTCY & REORGANIZATION (Practising Law Institute, April, 2008)

Presentations

- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (Washington, D.C.), "Recent Ethics Issues: An Update" (expected, October 31, 2019).
- University of Toronto (Toronto, Canada), "The Enterprise Bankruptcy Law of the People's Republic of China: An Introduction and Current Developments" (expected June 23, 2019).
- United States Embassy – Beijing American Center (Beijing, China), "What You Need To Know About Credit Default Swaps and Other Derivatives" (April, 2019).
- American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) – Caribbean Insolvency Symposium (Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands), "Jay Alix v. McKinsey – Proper Disclosures by Professionals in Chapter 11 Cases" (January, 2019).
- A The Northern District of Florida Bankruptcy Bar Association, "A Primer on Credit Default Swaps and Recent Developments" (September, 2018).
- Instituto Brasileiro de Estudo de Empresas em Crise – III Colóquio de Recuperação de Empresas e Falência, "First Day Motions/Orders and Expectations of the Debtors During the Initial Stage of a Chapter 11 Case – The Sports Authority" (March 3, 2016).
- TMA Brasil 6th Annual Convention on Corporate Recovery and Turnaround, "A Humble Proposal for Revising the Brazilian Bankruptcy Code (Asset Sales, Cross Border Insolvencies & Other Matters)", São

- Paulo, Brazil (October, 2014).
- CBIZ/MHM Connections 2014, “The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and Anti-Corruption Enforcement in the US and Abroad: What Does It Mean for You” (July, 2014).
 - History Miami, “Gaming in Florida: Betting Everything on Chapter 11” (April, 2014).
 - TMA Brasil 5th Annual Convention on Corporate Recovery and Turnaround, “Asset Sales in Corporate Restructurings in the U.S. and Brazil: Compliance With the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the New Brazilian Anti-Corruption Act,” São Paulo, Brazil (November 2013).
 - American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) – Caribbean Insolvency Symposium, “Everything You Wanted to Know About Ethics But Were Afraid to Ask,” Miami, Florida (February 2013).
 - TMA Brasil 4th Annual Convention on Corporate Recovery and Turnaround, “Sale of Assets in Corporate Restructurings,” São Paulo, Brazil (October 2012).
 - Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, “Current Developments in Distressed Asset Sales,” Buenos Aires, Argentina (July 2012).
 - INSOL 2012, “Battle of ‘Restructuring Cultures’: Out-of- Court Restructuring vs Formal Proceedings in Latin America,” Miami, Florida (May 2012).
 - TMA Brasil 3rd Annual Convention on Corporate Recovery and Turnaround, “Special Situation Investing in the USA and in Latam,” São Paulo, Brazil (September 2011).
 - International Bar Association, “A Comparison of Pre-Packaged and Pre-Arranged Corporate Restructurings in Argentina, Brazil and the United States,” Buenos Aires, Argentina (September 2011).
 - “Comity and Chapter 15 -Benefits and Risks for Risk-Adverse Financial Clients” (New York, New York) (five presentations between April to May, 2011).
 - American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) – Caribbean Insolvency Symposium, “The Indefatigable Intercreditor Agreement,” Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (February 2011).
 - Instituto Argentino de Derecho Comercial – Third Interamerican Conference of Restructuring Professionals, “Transparency and the PACER System in the United States,” Buenos Aires, Argentina (November 2010).
 - Instituto Brasileiro de Estudo de Empresas em Crise, “Key Issues/Developments in Pre-Packaged, Pre-Arranged and Out-of-Court Restructurings in Brazil and the United States,” São Paulo, Brazil (September 2010).
 - “Intercreditor Agreements and Chapter 11 Corporate Restructurings,” New York, New York (April 2010).
 - Instituto Argentino de Derecho Comercial – Second Interamerican Conference of Restructuring Professionals, “El caso Madoff y la protección de los inversores en caso de acción revocatoria concursal internacional,” Buenos Aires, Argentina (April 2010).
 - American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) – Caribbean Insolvency Symposium, “Cross-Border Issues: Madoff Goes Offshore,” Boca Raton, Florida (February 2010).

Education

J.D., Boston College Law School

MSc. in Major Programme Management, University of Oxford (Saïd Business School; Pembroke College)

PGDip in Entrepreneurship, University of Cambridge (Judge Business School) (attended)

PGDIP, OL (organisational leadership), *graduated with distinction*, University of Oxford (Saïd Business School), 2014

Global Executive MBA, Getulio Vargas Foundation, Graduate School of Business Administration (Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Escola de Administração de Empresas de São Paulo), São Paulo, Brazil

M.A. (Educational Philosophy), Teachers College of Columbia University (attended)

M.A., Yale University

M.T.S., Harvard University
A.B., Brown University

Bar Admissions

Florida
Massachusetts
New York
U.S. District Court, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida
U.S. District Court, Massachusetts
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Practice Teams

Business Reorganization

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy-Related Litigation
Bankruptcy/Restructuring
Distressed M&A and Restructuring
Latin America & Caribbean Practice