# **Special Report**

## **Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyers - 2018**

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### **Outstanding Achievements**

Counsel to Empresas ICA, Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Inversiones Alsacia S.A., and Express de Santiago Uno S.A. Represents ad hoc group of holders of bonds issued by Offshore Drilling Holdings and Arendal. Fluent in Spanish. Founding editor of Cleary Gottlieb's quarterly *Emerging Markets Restructuring Journal*, which focuses on emerging markets restructuring law and practice.

Helped steer the debt workout in Seadrill Limited; co-lead counsel to Panda Temple Power's secured and DIP lenders; represents GSO Capital Partners in Hovnanian Enterprises' complex financing; co-lead counsel advising the ad hoc group of bank lenders in Caesars Entertainment; represents the first-in-last-out lenders in Toys "R" Us' liquidation process; and represents a group of Puerto Rico Highways & Transportation Authority bondholders.

Co-leads the reorganization of Claire's Stores, Inc., which is expected to cut the retailer's debt by nearly \$2 billion and protect up to 10,000 jobs. Spearheaded Avaya Inc.'s restructuring of more than \$8 billion of debt, including a groundbreaking PBGC settlement. Advised Caesars Entertainment Operating Co. in its \$18.4 billion chapter 11. Successfully prosecuted a complex valuation trial in Horsehead.

Broad experience counseling diverse clients in a variety of industries, including EXCO Resources, Inc., Ultra Petroleum Corp. and Hess Corporation (oil & gas); Answers Holdings, Inc. (digital media); Caesars Entertainment Operating Co. Inc. (casinos); Cengage Learning, Inc (education); Things Remembered (retail); ION Media Networks, Inc. (broadcasting); and Kerzner International Holdings Limited (resorts).

A lead lawyer representing the Creditors' Committees in Caesars Entertainment Operating Company Inc. and Westinghouse Electric Company LLC; lead lawyer representing the Equity Committee in Breitburn Energy Partners LP (successfully contesting valuation and blocking plan confirmation); represents second-lien noteholders in Avaya Inc; and plays a key role in Puerto Rico's Title III proceedings.

Represents Zohar III Corp. controlling secured noteholders in a bid to dismiss that CLO's chapter 11 proceedings or appoint a chapter 11 trustee.
National counsel to AT&T in all bankruptcy and insolvency matters, including Goodman Networks Inc. Represented the administrators of Karhoo Inc. in that chapter 15 proceeding. Served as debtors' counsel in Dynegy's liquidation. Teaches bankruptcy law at The John Marshall Law School.

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#### **Outstanding Achievements**

Counsel to Real Industry, Inc., and Real Alloy Recycling, Inc.; Sungevity, Inc.; and Maxus Energy Corporation, owned by Argentina's state-owned oil company YPF SA. Counsel to the Armstrong Energy, Inc., and Avaya Inc. creditors' committees. A board member of the Women in Law Empowerment Forum, co-chair of the steering committee of the Zaretsky Roundtable Program, and contributor to *Reorganizing Failing Businesses*.

Played a leading role representing Key Safety Systems, Inc., in its acquisition of Takata Corp.'s assets through coordinated in-court restructuring proceedings in the U.S., Japan, and Canada; out-of-court asset and stock purchases in 22 other jurisdictions; and a complex global indemnity and release agreement with 15 auto manufacturers, following the largest auto parts recall in U.S. history.

Recently represented C&J Energy Services; a group of Basic Energy Services noteholders; Gates Capital Management, Inc., the largest holder of secured debt of ION Geophysical Corp., in ION's exchange offer; and helped monetize distressed assets CNO Financial Group, Inc., recaptured from Beechwood Re on account of investments with Platinum Partners (which has been charged with fraud).

Represents bondholder Cyrus Capital Partners in Toys "R" Us; the Hawaii Dept. of Transportation in Ciber; an ad hoc group of SunEdison second lien lender; clients litigating White Energy Holdco corporate governance disputes; a Taberna Preferred Funding IV noteholder contesting an involuntary petition; the equity owner of EB Holdings II. Defends Aman Resorts Group against involuntary petitions.

Represents JPMorgan Chase as agent in Toys "R" Us' U.S. DIP financing; Pernix Therapeutics in its out-of-court restructuring; ad hoc GenOn notholders' committee; Odebrecht Oil & Gas in its successful cross-border restructuring; arrangers, bookrunners and co-managers in Avaya's exit financing; numerous financial institutions on living wills; and hedge funds on investments in complex distressed businesses.

Represented Stone Energy in its high-profile bankruptcy, restructuring more than \$1.2 billion of funded debt in 10 weeks' time; second-lien lender Credit Suisse in Quicksilver Resources' chapter 11 proceeding; RKA Film Financing in Relativity Media; General Electric Company in Abengoa, S.A.; Caesars Acquisition Company, buying casino assets free and clear; Rolta India, Ltd., in its chapter 11 prepack; and Transtar's lenders.