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John represents sponsors and corporate borrowers in their most complex financing and liability management transactions. His multidisciplinary practice spans finance and restructuring, including leveraged M&A and LBOs, special situations and liability management, debt capital markets offerings, syndicated and direct loans, NAV loans and capital call facilities, management company financings, and in-court and out-of-court workouts.

John has been recognized by *Lawdragon* as one of the 500 Leading Dealmakers in America, and as one of the 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers. John has also been awarded the “Leading Lawyers—Highly Regarded” ranking by *IFLR*, and been recognized as a “Rising Star” by *Super Lawyers* and a “Rising Star” by *Expert Guides*. *Legal 500* calls John “a key contact for liability management transactions.”

John writes frequently on financing and liability management matters, and his work has been published in CFO magazine, Financier Worldwide magazine, the International Comparative Legal Guide, and Harvard Law School’s Forum on Corporate Governance.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Financing – Funds and Private Equity

- **Siris Capital** in various matters, including \$1.425 billion of bank and notes financings in connection with its acquisitions of **Equiniti Group** and **American Stock Transfer & Trust Company**
- **Searchlight Capital** in various matters, including its investment in **Consolidated Communications** and the related \$2.0 billion of term loan and bond issuances by Consolidated, and its investment in **Mitel Networks**
- **Tiger Global** in various matters
- **Apollo Global Management** in connection with \$1.05 billion of bank and notes financings for its buyout of Presidio, and in **Presidio's** subsequent refinancing transactions, leveraged stock buyback, and IPO

Financing – Corporate

- **T-Mobile** in its acquisition of Sprint and its related \$38.0 billion of financing commitments and \$39.0 billion of consent solicitations, as well as its related bridge loan, credit agreement and senior notes issuances
- **Gap** in various matters, including its \$1.8675 billion ABL credit agreement and \$2.25 billion senior secured notes issuances, and its subsequent \$1.5 billion unsecured notes issuances and related tender offers
- **Lions Gate** in its \$4.5 billion of bank and bond transactions in connection with its acquisition of Starz, and its various subsequent repricing and refinancing transactions, notes issuances and exchanges
- **Cengage** in various matters, including its \$1.65 billion term loan
- **XPO Logistics** in connection with the financing of its €3.24 billion acquisition of Norbert Dentressangle S.A. and \$3.0 billion acquisition of Con-Way, and its subsequent refinancings, repricings and new debt incurrences
- **PPG Industries** in its \$2.0 billion term loan to finance its acquisition of Tikkurila

Liability Management

- **Travelport** in its \$3.6 billion of superpriority financing and exchange transactions, and its subsequent \$2.05 billion junior priority exchange transaction
- **Mitel Networks** in its \$1.35 billion of exchange, amendment and financing transactions
- **Angelo Gordon** in connection with its debt investment in a subsidiary of **Envision Healthcare**
- **Mallinckrodt** in various exchange offers and other financing and restructuring matters
- **Intelsat** in over \$6.0 billion of issuances of high-yield, holdco and convertible notes, as well as

related bond tenders and purchases

Bankruptcy and Restructuring

- **Centerbridge Partners** in connection with its investment in **Speedcast**
- **Costa Verde** in connection with its DIP financing commitment to **LATAM**
- **Goldman Sachs, GSO Capital Partners** and **Bank of Nova Scotia** in various workout and restructuring situations

Recent Publications

[Private Equity—2023 Outlook](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, March 22, 2023.

[Financing Year in Review: The Tide Turns](#), in The Harvard Law School Corporate Governance Forum, January 24, 2023.

[Cross-Border M&A - 2023 Checklist for Successful Acquisitions in the United States](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, January 7, 2023.

[Developing Trends in Private Equity Financing](#), in Financier Worldwide, September 2022.

[Corporate Bankruptcy and Restructuring: 2021-2022](#), in Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets, February 15, 2022.

[Private Equity - 2021 Year in Review and 2022 Outlook](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, February 9, 2022.

[Financing Year in Review: A Robust Recovery](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, January 13, 2022.

[Recent Trends in U.S. Corporate Bankruptcy and Restructuring](#), in The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Restructuring & Insolvency, 2021.

[Private Equity - Year in Review and 2021 Outlook](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, February 6, 2021.

[Financing Year in Review: From Crisis to Comeback](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, January 19, 2021.

[Acquisition Financing Year in Review: The Decade of Debt](#), in Columbia Law School's Blog on

Corporations and the Capital Markets, January 17, 2020.

[Debt Default Activism: After Windstream, the Winds of Change](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, June 18, 2019.

[Corporate Bankruptcy and Restructuring: 2018-2019](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, February 17, 2019.

[Acquisition Financing Year in Review - From Break-Neck to Brakes-On](#), in Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets, January 14, 2019.

[Default Activism in the Debt Markets](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, December 4, 2018.

[The Rise of the Net-Short Debt Activist](#), in CFO, August 6, 2018.