

Gibson Dunn Bolsters Bankruptcy Practice With Finance Partner Chad Nichols in Houston

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Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP is pleased to announce that Chad Nichols has joined the firm as a partner in the Houston office, where he will continue his finance practice. "We are excited to bring Chad on board," said Scott J. Greenberg, Global Chair of Gibson Dunn's Business Restructuring and Reorganization Practice Group. "Much of what we do has a heavy emphasis on finance. Chad has significant experience in financings in the rescue and distressed space and his skill set will strengthen the talent and experience we currently have to keep up with the inflow of new work in this area." "Chad is a talented lawyer with finance analytical skills and market experience," said Aaron F. Adams, Co-Chair of Gibson Dunn's Global Finance Practice Group. "In particular, he will enhance our capacity in three distinct areas that are becoming increasingly critical in finance transactions: distressed financing, sponsor-side acquisition financing, and direct lending and private credit transactions. Chad's capabilities across these important areas will continue to position the firm well into the future." "Chad is a terrific addition to the firm," said Hillary Holmes, Co-Partner-in-Charge of the Houston office of Gibson Dunn. "He is a versatile finance lawyer with a diverse practice that will work well with our busy Texas-based Corporate and Private Equity practices and strengthen the finance capabilities of our thriving Business Restructuring and Reorganization group." "Gibson Dunn is a world-class firm in finance, energy, private equity and restructuring, and this integrated platform is a perfect fit for the next chapter of my career," said Nichols. "I look forward to working alongside my exceptional colleagues at Gibson Dunn and continuing to build a broad-based finance practice, both in Texas and nationally." Nichols' addition to Gibson Dunn's partnership further strengthens our top-flight finance and bankruptcy practices and follows on the heels of a number of other recent high-profile partner hires in the restructuring and distressed finance space, including bankruptcy litigator Lee Wilson, bankruptcy partner AnnElyse Gains, and finance partners Frederick Lee and Jim Hee Kim. Gibson Dunn's Business Restructuring and Reorganization Practice Group brings extensive experience to companies in financial distress, their creditors and investors, and parties interested in investing in distressed debt and equity, such as hedge funds, private equity funds and financial institutions, in a rapidly evolving global economy. The firm excels in the innovative use of Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code to implement restructuring of highly complicated, multijurisdictional, non-U.S. companies and is a leader in U.S., European and cross-border insolvencies and workouts. Additionally, the group is well-known for crafting innovative and practical solutions, including complex out-of-court workouts and in-court restructuring. **About Chad Nichols** Nichols represents credit funds, hedge funds, private equity funds and other alternative capital providers, as well as companies (both public and sponsor-backed) in a wide range of financing transactions. He focuses on stressed, distressed, rescue and other special situations financings and transactions, and in-court and out-of-court restructurings, as well as bespoke private credit transactions and high yield bond deals. Nichols earned his J.D. *cum laude* from the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. He also received a Master of Accounting with honors from the University of Southern California.

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