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Matthew J. Williams is a partner in the New York office of Gibson Dunn and a member of the firm's Business Restructuring and Reorganization Practice Group. Matthew represents creditor groups, committees, debtors, lenders and new capital providers in Chapter 11 bankruptcies and out-of-court restructurings.

Matthew recently represented secured lender groups in the Chapter 11 or out-of-court restructurings of Weight Watchers, Inc.; Hearthside Foods; Jo-Ann's Stores; Audacy, Inc.; Phoenix Services; Dunn Paper; Akorn Pharmaceuticals; Skillsoft; The Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority; Tailored Brands; and Aegerion Pharmaceuticals. Earlier in his career, Matt represented the indenture trustee and chair of The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Chapter 11 restructuring of General Motors as well as ad hoc committees and/or official committees of unsecured creditors in the Chapter 11 restructurings of Aeromexico; Triangle Petroleum; iHeart; Dynegy; General Growth Properties; and Dana Automotive. He has also led company-side engagements in the Chapter 11 restructurings of Stimwave Technologies; Brookstone Holdings; Arcapita Bank; and The Sports Authority.

Matthew has been recognized as a leading bankruptcy attorney by numerous publications, including *Chambers USA*, "Bankruptcy/Restructuring: New York" (2008 – 2025); *The Best Lawyers in America*, "Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law" (2024 – 2026); *Lawdragon*, "500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers" (2024 - 2025) and "500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers" (2022 - 2024); *Super Lawyers* (2013 – 2024); *Law360*, "Bankruptcy MVP" (2015) and "Rising Star" (2010); and *Turnaround & Workouts Magazine*, "Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyers" (2010).

Matthew received his Juris Doctor, with high honors, from Rutgers University School of Law. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of New Jersey, *cum laude*. Matthew clerked for the Honorable Francis G. Conrad, in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Vermont, following law school. Matthew is admitted in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York.

Capabilities

Business Restructuring and Reorganization

Credentials

Education

Rutgers University - 1998 Juris Doctor
The College of New Jersey - 1994
Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

New York Bar

Clerkships

US Bankruptcy Court, Vermont, Hon. Francis Conrad, 1998 - 1999