

Leading Bankruptcy Partner Alan Feld Joins Sheppard Mullin

Cross-Border Restructuring Expert Expands Firm's Los Angeles Practice

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Alan M. Feld has joined the Los Angeles/Downtown office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's Finance and Bankruptcy practice group. Feld most recently practiced at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips in Los Angeles, where he co-chaired the firm's Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring practice group.

Feld's practice focuses on both international and domestic bankruptcy, business reorganizations and workouts involving complex collateral packages and multiple jurisdictions. He represents bondholders, lenders, servicers and other creditors in connection with bankruptcy and financial restructuring matters of all types. Feld's experience includes a wide breadth of out of court restructurings as well as complex Chapter 11 proceedings. His bankruptcy expertise ranges from DIP financings and section 363 asset sales to confirmation proceedings related plan litigation.

Feld has particular expertise in cross-border restructuring and insolvency issues. He has significant experience representing the creditors of publicly traded foreign entities with U.S. dollar denominated debt. Feld focuses much of his practice in the emerging markets with particular emphasis on Latin America. He typically represents ad hoc committees of bondholders and other creditors in the restructuring of emerging market entities that have securities that are publicly traded in the United States.

"Alan is a first-rate bankruptcy attorney and an excellent fit with our Finance and Bankruptcy practice group. His expertise in cross-border restructuring matters, real estate secured creditor work and representation of investors in technology companies dovetails well with the firm's international practice, New York and Silicon Valley offices, and premier California real estate practice," said Guy N. Halgren, chairman of the firm.

"I look forward to joining Sheppard Mullin, a top-notch full service firm with a strong bankruptcy practice both in California and in New York," Feld commented. "I am also impressed with the firm's international and real estate practices, and firm management's dedication to growing these areas even further. I'm excited to be part of a partnership that values teamwork and fosters collegiality, both within practice groups and across practice areas."

In addition to his international practice, Feld has particular expertise in the representation of lenders and other creditors in the restructuring of borrowers in crisis situations. Such matters typically involve debt secured by volatile assets (comprised of complex and often fragile collateral packages) at risk of precipitous devaluation. These matters frequently involve numerous third parties (such as franchisors or contractual counterparties) that may hold the key to a lender's potential recovery.

Feld received a J.D. from University of Southern California Law School in 1991 and a B.A. from Williams College in 1987.

Sheppard Mullin has 200 attorneys based in its Los Angeles offices. The firm's Finance and Bankruptcy practice group includes 70 attorneys firmwide.

About Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP

Sheppard Mullin is a full service AmLaw 100 firm with 550 attorneys in 11 offices located in the United States and Asia. Since 1927, companies have turned to Sheppard Mullin to handle corporate and technology matters, high stakes litigation and complex financial transactions. In the U.S., the firm's clients include more than half of the Fortune 100.

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy and Restructuring