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Practice Areas

Bankruptcy, Restructuring and
Distressed Situations

Finance

Workouts and Restructuring

Education

Case Western Reserve University
School of Law, J.D., *magna cum
laude*, 2013, Order of the Coif

*Case Western Reserve Journal of
International Law*, Executive
Notes Editor

Miami University, B.A., *magna
cum laude*, 2010

Bar & Court Admissions

Ohio
U.S. District Court for the

Jeff is a partner in the Vorys Cleveland office and a member of the finance, energy and real estate group. Jeff's commercial finance practice focuses on representing administrative agents, lenders and borrowers in a diverse array of lending transactions, with an emphasis on fund finance and bilateral and syndicated middle-market, asset-based and leveraged loan transactions. Jeff's fund finance experience includes advising banks in structuring, negotiating and documenting a variety of fund-finance loan products, including subscription lines of credit, NAV loans, "umbrella" credit facilities, "fund of one" credit facilities and private-banking loans to high-net-worth investors.

Jeff's workout and restructuring practice focuses on out-of-court workouts and restructurings, chapter 11 reorganizations and other commercial bankruptcy and creditors' rights proceedings, with a particular emphasis on representing secured creditors in workouts and bankruptcy proceedings involving asset-based revolving lines of credit.

Notable experience includes:

- Advised a national bank, as administrative agent, in the secured financing provided to a multinational metals company
- Advised a national bank in connection with the restructuring of senior secured and subordinated financing provided to a multinational American company
- Advised a regional lender in structuring and documenting umbrella lines of credit to numerous affiliated U.S. and Cayman Islands private equity funds with over \$60 million in lender commitments
- Advised a regional lender in structuring over a dozen subscription lines of credit with over \$150 million in aggregate commitments for private equity funds managed by a prominent national wealth management firm
- Advised a regional lender in connection with "fund of one" and "fund of three" hybrid fund finance line of credits involving complex ERISA and regulatory issues
- Advised Greif, Inc. in its \$2.475 billion credit facility and \$500 million Notes offering in connection with the financing of Greif's acquisition

Northern District of Ohio

Admitted to practice law only in the states listed above.

Industries

Financial Institutions

Private Equity

Clerkships

The Honorable Arthur I. Harris,
United States Bankruptcy Court
for the Northern District of Ohio,
2013-2015

of Caraustar Industries Inc., a Georgia-based box manufacturer, for a purchase price of \$1.8 billion

- Represented an administrative agent in connection with a 2020 Southern District of Texas chapter 11 case and accompanying 363 asset sale relating to a \$100 million asset-based line of credit
- Represented a chapter 11 liquidating trustee in connection with the prosecution of over 50 preference actions in the District of Delaware
- Represented a large multinational retailer in its 2017 chapter 11 reorganization in the District of Delaware

Prior to joining Vorys, Jeff was a law clerk for the Honorable Arthur I. Harris at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio

Jeff received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where he was the executive notes editor for the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law and a member of the Order of the Coif and the Order of Barristers. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Miami University and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Honors & Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Banking and Finance Law, 2021-2024; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2021-2024

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Leadership Academy, Alumnus, 2019-2020

Professional and Community Activities

Association for Corporate Growth, Member

Fund Finance Association, Member

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Mentor

College Now Greater Cleveland, Mentor

ICA Art Conservation, Board Member

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association "3Rs" Program, Past Mentor

Events

Event, 9.20.2023

Fifth Annual Commercial Loan Workout Series: Hot Topics and Trends in Asset-Based Lending

Event, 10.19.2022

Vorys Fourth Annual Commercial Loan Workout Webinar Series: Loan Modification and Forbearance Agreements

9.9.2021

Vorys Third Annual Commercial Loan Workout Webinar Series

6.10.2020

Commercial Workout Webinar Series: Loan Modification and Forbearance Agreements

6.4.2019

A Banker's Guide to a Successful Commercial Loan Workout Webinar Series: Loan Modification and Forbearance Agreements

6.22.2016

2016 Consumer Financial Services Summit

2.25.2016

Vorys Consumer Financial Services Summit