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Andrew Leblanc is a partner in our Litigation & Arbitration and Financial Restructuring groups, serves as managing partner of the Washington, DC office, and is a member of the firm's Global Executive Committee.

Primary Focus & Experience

Mr. Leblanc's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, financial restructuring and international arbitration, with a particular focus on contested issues arising in bankruptcy cases. He regularly represents official committees, secured and unsecured creditors, debtors, and bidders in bankruptcy cases, as well as financial institutions as defendants in adversary proceedings brought as part of bankruptcy cases. Mr. Leblanc's practice is trial-focused, and he regularly appears before bankruptcy, district and appellate courts throughout the country.

Mr. Leblanc's significant recent representations include as lead trial counsel for the ad hoc group of noteholders in the In re Nortel Networks bankruptcy, an ad hoc group of creditors in Ultra Petroleum, the lead lender in MolyCorp, Lightsquared Inc. in its bankruptcy and related litigation, the Refco litigation trustee in claims arising from the bankruptcy of Refco, LLC, the lead lenders in the Texas Rangers bankruptcy, the lead second lien noteholders in the In re DBSD bankruptcy, and Vitro SAB, a Mexican glassmaker that filed a Chapter 15 petition in the United States.

Recognition & Accomplishments

Mr. Leblanc has been recognized as one of the leading lawyers in America for bankruptcy litigation by *Chambers USA*, *Benchmark Litigation* and *Lawdragon*. *Benchmark Litigation* has additionally recognized Mr. Leblanc as one of the "Top 10 Bankruptcy Practitioners in America" and as the "Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year" in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022. Most recently, *Lawdragon* has recognized him as one of the 500 Leading Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers of 2023.

Mr. Leblanc "enjoys a unanimous reputation as one of the leading genuine bankruptcy litigators in the US." (*Benchmark Litigation* 2018) "Andy is the real deal," confirms a competitor. "He's not just a restructuring lawyer, he's not a litigator who just dabbles in bankruptcy, he is a true insolvency court fighter. Other clients go out of their way to avoid him – they didn't want him cross-examining

their CEO!” One peer quips, “Andy Leblanc is the one bankruptcy litigator that I’m really worried about going up against.”

Mr. Leblanc has authored articles and co-authored a chapter in the “Contested Valuation in Corporate Bankruptcy: A Collier Monograph,” *LexisNexis* (2011), a treatise on valuation topics in bankruptcy disputes.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

EDUCATION

- Harvard Law School, J.D.
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, B.S.

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- New York
- US Supreme Court
- US Court of Federal Claims
- US District Court for the Southern District of New York
- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- US District Court for the District of Columbia

EXPERIENCE

Company and Debtor Representations

Creditor Representations

Equity Sponsor Representations

Financial Restructuring

General Commercial Litigation

International and Cross-Border Insolvency Matters

International Arbitration

Litigation & Arbitration

Mining and Metals

Oil and Gas

Power and Energy

Retail

United States

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