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About

Eric Wilson brings business sense, strategically deployed advocacy and over two decades of experience to his work protecting and enforcing creditors' rights in the country's largest bankruptcy cases. Eric's pragmatic and adaptable approach—diplomatic when advantageous, aggressive when warranted—has led to consistently favorable results in high-stakes insolvency matters involving billions of dollars.

Eric appreciates the financial implications of these consequential matters for his clients and the associated objectives they bring to them. He then tailors his counsel to each client's specific culture and business goals. Eric's clients value his ability to distill complex issues to their essentials, leaving aside legalese in favor of practical problem-solving and actionable advice.

As one client told *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Eric "is the kind of lawyer that comes up with real-world solutions to business problems without getting bogged down in the law, and he strikes the right balance between consensus building and aggression."

Eric's success has earned him a national reputation as a trusted advisor and business partner to virtually every player in the distressed arena. His clients include secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees, vendors, landlords, lenders, holders of public debt, acquirers of distressed assets, and trustees. Eric also represents plaintiffs and defendants in bankruptcy-related litigation, including avoidance actions, fraud, and directors' and officers' liability.

Both proud and appreciative of the long-term, collaborative, and collegial relationships he has built with his clients and their in-house business and legal teams, Eric has protected the interests of clients across a wide variety of industries, including communications, energy, financial services, gaming, manufacturing, retail, and technology.

Consistently recognized by his peers for his successes, Eric has been included among the "best of the best" lawyers in his field by publications such as *Chambers USA*, *Legal 500*, *New York Super Lawyers*, *The Daily Deal*, and *Turnarounds & Workouts Magazine*.

Experience

Official Committees of Unsecured Creditors

American Tire Distributors; AmeriMark Interactive; AMS Associates; Anchor Blue; Apex Parks; Automotive Parts Distribution International; Bar Louie; Beauty Brands; Bertucci's; BH Cosmetics; Brendan Jewelers; Cherry Man Industries; Chevys, El Torito and Acapulco Restaurants; Chuck E. Cheese; Claim Jumper Steakhouse & Bar; Delfasco; dELIA*s; Dickinson Theatres; Edwards Mail Service; FTD Flowers; Fuddruckers and Koo Koo Roo; Gividi USA; GT Advanced Technologies; Houlihan's; John Varvatos; Kid Brands; Krystal Hamburgers; Logan's Roadhouse; Macaroni Grill; Mattress Pal; Morphe; Nextsport; NPC International (Pizza Hut and Wendy's franchisee); OCZ Technology; Packable Holdings; Papa Gino's; Portrait Innovations; RadioShack; Restoration Forest; RMH Holdings (Applebee's franchisee); Serta; Soft Surroundings; Souplantation and Sweet Tomatoes; Stir Crazy and Flat Top Grill; The Collected Group; The Fuller Brush Company; Things Remembered; TMT Shipping; True Religion; USA Discounters; Verestar; Women's Apparel Group; and Z Gallerie.

Indenture Trustees

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Individual Creditors

BP (SemCrude, Lehman Bros., ASARCO, and Lyondell); KBC Bank (Sobelmar Shipping); PBGC (Delta, Delphi, Nortel Networks, and US Airways); and Sun Life Insurance Company (Saint Vincents Catholic Medical Centers I and II).

Honors

"Top 100 Restructuring & Turnaround Professional," Global M&A Network.

"Leading Individual, Bankruptcy and Restructuring," *Chambers USA*.

The Best Lawyers in America® (Woodward/White, Inc.), Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law.

"New York *Super Lawyer*."

"Legal 500," *Legal 500 Series*.

"Up-and-Coming, Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyer," *Chambers USA*.

"Top Bankruptcy Lawyer," *Daily Deal*.

"Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyer Under 40," *Turnarounds & Workouts Magazine*.

"The Burton Award for Legal Achievement," *The Burton Foundation in association with the Library of Congress*.

Affiliations

American Bankruptcy Institute

Credit Research Foundation

Practising Law Institute

Related Services

Bankruptcy and Restructuring

Energy

Education

Southwestern Law School, J.D., 1997

- cum laude

San Diego State University, B.S., 1994

- Finance

Admissions

Connecticut, 2022

New York, 2005

California, 1997

Courts

U.S. District Court–Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court–Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court–Central District of California

U.S. District Court–Southern District of California

U.S. District Court–Northern District of California

U.S. District Court–Eastern District of California