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Bankruptcy + Creditors' Rights

Davis Lee Wright co-chairs our firm's Bankruptcy + Reorganizations group and is a member of our firm's Managing Committee. He focuses his practice on complex transactional, litigation, and advisory work related to the debtor/creditor relationship. He has represented public and private companies in all aspects of their restructuring efforts, including out-of-court work-outs, "prepackaged" bankruptcies, and traditional reorganizations. He routinely counsels clients on the potential impact another entity's insolvency or bankruptcy may have on business relationships, prospective and existing contracts and agreements, and bankruptcy-specific litigation. Davis's experience includes advising secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees, committee members, and asset purchasers regarding their rights, options, and obligations as a party in interest in a case brought under Chapters 7, 11, 13 and 15 of the Bankruptcy Code, as well as representing debtors and trustees under Chapters 11 and 15 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Davis's experience in maritime and admiralty law has allowed him to develop a maritime-related bankruptcy practice, providing opportunities to represent debtors and other interested parties in several recent, well-publicized, maritime-related bankruptcies pending throughout the country (*In re O.W. Bunker Holdings North America, Inc.*, *In re Aegean Marine Petroleum Network Inc.*, *In re Toisa Limited*, *In re Hanjin Shipping Co. Ltd.*, and *In re Offshore Specialty Fabricators LLC*).

Business Litigation

Davis has a broad range of experience handling commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts, including contract disputes, preferential and fraudulent transfers in state-law assignments for the benefit of creditors, declaratory judgments and injunctive relief, and breach of fiduciary duty actions.

Admiralty

Davis has advised clients with respect to Rule B attachments and Rule C vessel arrests brought pursuant to the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions and the effect of maritime liens on property of a bankrupt's estate. Davis's experience in this area includes litigation before various courts in the Second and Fifth Circuits relating to the maritime lien requirements of the Commercial Instruments and Maritime Liens Act.

Pro Bono

Davis has an active and diverse pro bono practice. Davis presently serves as an officer or director of several not-for-profit section 501(c)(3) organization. He advises other several Delaware nonprofit entities with regard to fiduciary obligations and corporate governance requirements. For three years, Davis served as the Chancellor General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, a 501(c)(3) organization, providing advice on contract and employment issues, donor compliance, policy development, and corporate governance. He is active with The American Legion, Department of Delaware and is authorized to represent veterans before the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Davis also represents children in dependency and neglect, termination of parental rights, guardianship, and adoption cases in the Delaware Family Court through the Delaware Office of the Child Advocate (OCA). In 2014, the Delaware OCA recognized him for his many years of service as a guardian ad litem/child attorney.

Early in his career, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Peter J. Walsh, former Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, and as a legal extern to the Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr., former Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.

Services

- Bankruptcy + Reorganizations
- Litigation
- Creditors' Rights
- Distressed Companies + Special Situations

Industries

- Financial Institutions
- Coastal + Offshore Resources

Education

- Villanova University School of Law (Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*)
 - Law Review
- Villanova University (Masters)
 - M.B.A.
- Millersville University of Pennsylvania (Bachelors)
 - B.S., Business Administration

Admissions

- State of Delaware
- State of New Jersey
- State of New York
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Veterans Claims
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, District of Delaware
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- U.S. Tax Court

Recognitions

Tier 2 ranking in *Legal 500's 2026 Elite City Focus – Philadelphia Banking and Finance Guide*

Winning Deal Team for Chapter 11 O.W. Bunker Debtors, “Restructuring Deal of the Year”, 9th Annual M&A Advisor International Awards, 2017

Winning Deal Team for Chapter 11 O.W. Bunker Debtors, “Restructuring Deal of the Year (Over \$500MM to \$1B)”, 11th Annual M&A Advisor Turnaround Awards, 2017

Winning Deal Team for Chapter 11 O.W. Bunker Debtors, “Energy Deal of the Year (Over \$500MM to \$1B)”, 11th Annual M&A Advisor Turnaround Awards, 2017

Winning Deal Team for Chapter 11 O.W. Bunker Debtors, “Restructuring Deal of the Year (Over \$100MM)”, 15th Annual M&A Advisor Awards, 2016

Winning Deal Team for Restructuring of Specialty Products Holding Corp., “Restructuring Deal of the Year (Over \$500MM to \$1B)” 10th Annual M&A Advisor Turnaround Awards, 2016

Leadership + Memberships

Maritime Law Association

Maritime Bankruptcy Committee, Marine Finance Committee and Practice and Procedure Committee

American Bankruptcy Institute

Turnaround Management Association

INSOL International

American Inns of Court

Delaware Bankruptcy Chapter, Master of the Bench

United States Law Firm Group

Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy Committee

Delaware State Bar Association

Bankruptcy Section and Litigation Section

District of Columbia Bar Association

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Treasurer General (2018-Present), Chancellor General (2015-2018), Board of Trustees (2007-Present), Executive Committee (2012-2013, 2014-Present)

Delaware Office of the Child Advocate

Attorney Guardian ad Litem/Child Attorney (2004 - present)

The Department of Delaware, The American Legion, Inc.

Judge Advocate (2013 - present)

The Brandywiners Ltd.

Legal Advisor