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BIOGRAPHY

Justin Winerman represents clients around the world in all aspects of complex corporate restructurings both in and out of court and across a wide range of industries, including health care, financial services, energy and media. He also advises on various insurance and reinsurance receivership and restructuring transactions.

Additionally, Mr. Winerman advises creditors, lenders, equity sponsors, and other parties in interest on business reorganization, special situations and insolvency matters. Mr. Winerman has distinguished himself in cross-border matters, serving as lead counsel in a number of chapter 15 cases, obtaining recognition and enforcement of proceedings in multiple jurisdictions around the globe. Mr. Winerman has advised clients on a number of cutting edge cross-border matters.

Mr. Winerman has repeatedly been named to *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganization law.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Mr. Winerman received the 2023 Outstanding Pro Bono Works Volunteer Award from the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights in recognition of his transactional pro bono work that helped first-time homebuyers, small business owners and non profits with various corporate needs.
- American Bankruptcy Institute and Turnaround Management Association

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois, 2009

EDUCATION

- University of Michigan, J.D., cum laude, 2008
- Northwestern University, B.S., magna cum laude, 2002

EXPERIENCE

Mr. Winerman has assisted on numerous Chapter 11 cases, including for:

- A nationwide mobile diagnostics health care provider, in its successful reorganization in Chapter 11 proceedings in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, which delevered the company's balance sheet by approximately \$600 million. This matter was named a 2020 "TMA Turnaround of the Year" by the *Turnaround Management Association* and "Healthcare/Life Sciences Deal of the Year" (\$500MM or more) by *The M&A Advisor*,
- An international subsea construction company, in its successful restructuring in Chapter 11 cases in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas. This matter received an *Atlas Award* for "Cross Border Turnaround of the Year";
- A renewable energy project developer, in the largest Chapter 11 bankruptcy case by assets in 2016 and successful emergence from bankruptcy;

- A global transportation and industrial battery manufacturer, in its successful reorganization of more than \$600 million of debt;
- A national gas storage firm;
- A menswear company;
- Multiple bank holding companies; and
- An ethanol producer

Mr. Winerman has also obtained recognition and enforcement in chapter 15 cases, including for companies in Bermuda and the Cayman Islands.

RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

- “Laying the Runway: How Airline Bankruptcies Have Revolutionised Chapter 11 Latin American Restructuring,” Global Restructuring Review, November 5, 2025
- “Nonconsensual Third-Party Releases Are Alive and Well in Chapter 15 Despite Purdue” Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, July 10, 2025
- “Mass Tort Bankruptcy Settlements in Purdue’s Wake,” American Bankruptcy Institute, March 2025
- “Rockville Centre Case Offers a Framework for Settling Mass Tort Bankruptcy Claims Post-Purdue,” Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, January 7, 2025
- “Health Care Accounts Receivable Financing,” Bloomberg Industry Group, Inc., 2024
- “An Introduction to the Unique Issues in Bank Holding Company Bankruptcies,” Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, April 2023
- “Restructuring in the New Abnormal,” Turnarounds & Workouts, May 2020
- “Medicare and Medicaid Developments in Health Care Bankruptcies,” Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, March 30, 2020
- “Second Circuit Recognizes ‘Customer’ Safe Harbor in Tribune LBO Litigation,” Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, January 14, 2020

- “District Court Applies Section 546(e) Safe Harbor to Customer of Financial Institution, Revitalizing Key Defense,” Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, May 9, 2019
- “Bankruptcy Code’s Safe Harbor ‘Conduit’ Defense Eliminated by Supreme Court; Variant Defense May Survive,” Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, April 25, 2018
- “The Unsafe Harbor: The Tribune Decision and the Erosion of Bankruptcy Code Section 546(e),” Skadden’s 2014 Insights - Corporate Restructuring, January 2014

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Bankruptcy Uncovered: A Non-Bankruptcy Lawyer’s Roadmap with Insurance Considerations,” Miami-Dade Bar’s Florida Law Con, April 4, 2025
- “Distressed Health Care Restructurings: Key Issues and Considerations,” Lawline Webinar, June 2021 and October 2023
- “Working Lunch: Banking Crisis,” ABI 2023 Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop