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John Lucian represents institutional lenders, private credit firms, private equity sponsors, asset purchasers, landlords, contract counterparties, plan trustees, and a variety of secured and unsecured creditors in all facets of bankruptcy cases, receiverships, workouts, restructurings and related litigation matters.

As a senior bankruptcy partner, John leads the Firm's bankruptcy litigation practice and regularly appears in bankruptcy courts nationwide. John's bankruptcy litigation practice focuses on:

- DIP financing, cash collateral, and related secured creditor disputes in bankruptcy
- Contested sale and confirmation proceedings
- Post-confirmation trust litigation matters such as D&O, lender liability, and fraudulent transfer litigation

In addition to his bankruptcy practice, John handles a variety of financial services and commercial litigation matters in federal and state courts throughout the country.

Chambers USA ranks John as a leader in bankruptcy and restructuring law. *Chambers* sources "laud his ability to negotiate effectively and also compromise where it is needed." Clients have also noted in *Chambers* that he is "very bright and knowledgeable" and "does a great job of anticipating legal and non-legal issues."

John is a former trial attorney with the United States Department of Justice's Office of the United States Trustee and is fluent in Spanish.

Select Engagements

- Representation of secured lender of national dairy producer
- Representation of secured lender in workout of restaurant distributor
- Representation of creditors' committee of national gas pipeline contractor
- National bankruptcy counsel to several REITs and commercial landlords
- Representation of secured lender to national furniture retailer
- Representation of DIP lender to major cosmetic retailer
- Representation of creditors' committee of major Appalachian coal enterprise
- Representation of creditors' committee of Philadelphia area hospital
- Representation of creditors' committee of Northeastern energy producer
- Representation of multibillion dollar energy company in its Chapter 11
- Representation of Chapter 11 trustee of coal company
- Representation of DIP lender to national copper supplier
- Representation of professional sports franchise in bankruptcy of key sponsor
- Representation of asset purchaser of luxury ski resort
- Representation of national homebuilder in developer bankruptcy
- Representation of lender in bankruptcy of national food distributor
- Representation of lender in bankruptcy of Southeastern produce wholesaler
- Representation of lender in Midwest bankruptcy of coal operator
- Representation of creditors' committee of bank holding company
- Representation of commercial landlord in major retail bankruptcies
- Representation of creditors' committee of national auto parts manufacturer
- Representation of creditors' committee of regional commercial airline
- Representation of trustee of national amusement center in prosecution of more than 400 avoidance actions
- Successful defense of several national mortgage lenders in a variety of consumer finance and predatory lending cases

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Maryland
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court - District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court - Maryland
- U.S. District Court - Southern District of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- Virginia

Memberships

- American Bankruptcy Institute

- Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland
- Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy
- Turnaround Management Association

Education

- Franciscan University, BA
- University of Maryland School of Law, JD

Recognitions

- 2024, listed in Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll
- 2024–2025, listed in *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers
- Bankruptcy/Restructuring Law, listed in *Chambers USA*
- “Lawyer on the Fast Track,” listed by *American Lawyer Media*
- Bankruptcy Litigation Law, listed in *The Legal 500*
- 2023–2026, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law in Philadelphia, listed in *Best Lawyers in America*®

Professional Activities

John is active in many pro bono endeavors in the local community and is a recipient of Blank Rome’s annual Pro Bono Hero Award for his efforts on behalf of pro bono clients and causes.

Languages

- Spanish