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Rick Antonoff is a partner in the Bankruptcy & Restructuring group of Blank Rome LLP. He represents banks, investment funds, private equity firms, asset managers, landlords, IP licensors, trade creditors, and other parties in bankruptcy proceedings and out-of-court restructuring. He also represents strategic and financial investors acquiring distressed businesses, debtor-in-possession financiers, receivers of foreign debtors in cross-border insolvency cases, defendants in preference and fraudulent transfer litigation, and creditors exercising default remedies including UCC and real property foreclosure. Additionally, Rick has significant experience in intercreditor issues, netting, and setoff.

Rick appears in court proceedings throughout the United States and is frequently invited to speak at legal education seminars and provide commentary for print and broadcast media.

Rick is ranked in *Super Lawyers* for Business Bankruptcy.

Outside The Firm

Rick recently served as a board member and secretary of New York Junior Tennis & Learning, the largest tennis and education-themed not-for-profit community organization in the United States.

Select Engagements

- **Tidewater**, represented holders of \$1.1 billion senior notes in debt-for-equity exchange and obtaining vessel mortgages to secure restructured debt (DE).
- **Odebrecht**, represented holders of \$2.1 billion senior notes secured by

vessel mortgages in restructuring implemented through Brazilian bankruptcy proceeding and U.S. chapter 15 case (Rio de Janeiro and NY).

- **Seaborne Airlines**, represented affiliate of Versa Capital as prepetition and DIP lender in chapter 11 case (DE).
- **The Weinstein Company**, representing FilmNation/Speedee Distribution in negotiating assignment of motion picture distribution agreement to Lantern Entertainment as part of bankruptcy sale (DE).
- **RadioShack**, represented prepetition ABL lenders and DIP lenders in bankruptcy case and related intercreditor litigation (DE).
- **Seaboard Realty**, representing principals of commercial real estate company in preference and fraudulent transfer litigation brought by investor trust established under chapter 11 plan (Wilmington, Del. and Stamford, CT).
- **Noble Americas**, represented member bank in out-of-court restructuring of \$2 billion syndicated loan to U.S. division of international commodities broker (Hong Kong and Stamford, CT).
- **Gulfstream Services**, represented member bank in out-of-court restructuring of \$175 million syndicated loan to oilfield services company (Houma, LA).
- **Vneshprombank**, representing foreign receiver in chapter 15 case ancillary to Russian insolvency proceedings and tracing bank assets in the U.S. (NY and Moscow).
- **Pavlovskgranit**, representing foreign receiver in chapter 15 case ancillary to Russian insolvency proceeding and tracing assets in the U.S. (NY and Moscow).
- **Icicle Seafoods**, represented member bank in out-of-court restructuring of \$175 million syndicated loan (Seattle, WA).
- **Zohar**, represented Cayman Island directors of CLO as involuntary debtor in chapter 11 case (NY).

Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- New York
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court - Southern District of New York

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- New York City Bar Association

Education

- Binghamton University, BA
- Cardozo Law School, JD, cum laude

Recognitions

- 2012–2019, New York Metro “Super Lawyer” in Bankruptcy, listed in *Super Lawyers*

Professional Activities

Rick is a member of the Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization Committee of the New York City Bar Association, the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association, and the American Bankruptcy Institute. He is co-chair of the New York City Bar Association's Task Force on Puerto Rico. Rick is a trained and certified bankruptcy mediator.

Rick supervises Blank Rome's pro bono program assisting individuals seeking to discharge student loans in bankruptcy and is a volunteer for *Election Protection* answering hotline telephone calls from voters on Election Day.