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Troutman Pepper Locke Adds Bankruptcy and Restructuring Partner Sean Higgins in Boston

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BOSTON – [Sean Higgins](#) has joined Troutman Pepper Locke's Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice Group as a partner in the Boston office. His arrival further strengthens the firm's national restructuring platform and deepens its capabilities across commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) special servicing, consumer financial services (CFS) litigation, and related commercial matters in the Northeast.

Higgins joins Troutman Pepper Locke from K&L Gates, where his practice centered on complex commercial disputes. He has spent much of his career representing large national banks, private lenders, mortgage loan servicers, automotive finance companies, developers, real estate holding companies, and individual property owners.

"Sean's arrival is another meaningful step in the continued growth of our bankruptcy and restructuring platform following the additions of [Rakhee Patel](#), [Chris Fernandez](#), [Michael Cecka](#), [David Fialkow](#), and [Melissa Kato](#)," said [Jonathan Young](#), chair of the firm's Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice Group. "As a seasoned litigator with a national practice, he will strengthen and deepen our market position and client service in a key region booming with opportunity."

Higgins advises clients in consumer class actions, individual plaintiff lawsuits, and appeals in federal and state courts throughout the U.S., and serves as foreclosure and workout counsel for lending-side clients. He also has significant experience representing lenders, CMBS loan servicers, and special servicers in portfolio- and loan-level default management and litigation, including defending lender liability claims.

"Sean's diverse skill set and collaborative spirit make him a true utility player and a terrific addition to our Boston office," added [Christine McCay](#), managing partner of Troutman Pepper Locke's Boston office.

Higgins is an active volunteer and board member of Hill House, a community organization providing programs, services, and activities to meet the diverse social, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of individuals and families residing in Boston's downtown neighborhoods.

"Troutman Pepper Locke has built something genuinely compelling in this space, a national practice with real depth across CMBS, CFS, and restructuring, backed by a team of professionals I know and respect," said

Higgins. “I am excited to join the team, contribute to its continued growth, and bring the full range of my experience to provide the high standard of client service for which the firm is known.”

“Sean brings a compelling blend of experience handling CFS litigation, CMBS matters, and broader commercial litigation that directly reinforces our existing CMBS platform and addresses our coverage needs in Boston, the Northeast, and throughout the country,” said [Mark Silverman](#), partner and leader of the CMBS special servicer team within the firm’s Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice Group. “His established relationships with institutional clients provide an immediate springboard for our clients to continue to see successful outcomes alongside the broader team.”

Troutman Pepper Locke’s Bankruptcy and Restructuring group provides clients with creative solutions that prioritize recovery or return on investment. Clients impacted by distressed situations rely on the team’s know-how to enforce their rights and maximize value. The group’s deep understanding of pre- and post-insolvency issues from every stakeholder’s perspective enables them to help clients prevent and prepare for a financial crisis and, when needed, serve as trusted advisors to respond effectively to financial distress.

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