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Jed guides clients through complex reorganizations and related litigation. His practical advice and tailored approaches help clients accomplish their objectives while minimizing risk.

OVERVIEW

Jed represents clients in commercial bankruptcy cases, restructurings, workouts, and insolvency-related litigation. He offers significant insights from working with all types of stakeholders, including creditors, debtors, asset-purchasers, equipment lessors, trade vendors, committees, landlords, debtor-in-possession lenders, trustees, and agents. Jed serves clients nationally, appearing in the bankruptcy and state courts of Virginia, Delaware, Texas, New York, New Jersey, Arizona, Florida, Washington, Massachusetts, among others.

Jed works with clients in most major sectors, including aviation, construction, energy, and hospitality, and is particularly experienced working with equipment finance, leasing, and manufacturing companies.

Previously, Jed served on the Complex Chapter 11 Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

AWARDS

- *Virginia Super Lawyers* “*Rising Star*,” Creditor/Debtor Rights, 2015-2020
- *Virginia Business* “*Legal Elite*,” Bankruptcy/Creditors’ Rights, 2019-2025
- AV Preeminent Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bankruptcy + Restructuring

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors, Annual Conference Planning Committee member
- VCU Massey Cancer Center, Community Advisory Board of Directors (2017-present)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Intern law clerk, Hon. Dennis W. Dohnal, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, May 2009 – August 2009
- Extern law clerk, Hon. Kevin R. Huennekens, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, January 2009 – April 2009

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Richmond School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2010, *Journal of Law & Technology*; American Bankruptcy Institute, Medal of Excellence
- University of Richmond, B.A., 2001, economics, minor in political science

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Frank J. Santoro, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia, 2010-2011

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Moderator, “Getting Rolled & Primed – Recent Developments in DIP Financing,” Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors, 41st Annual Bankruptcy & Restructuring Annual Conference, June 2025.
- Moderator, “Subchapter V: How Flexibility Can Drive An Efficient Reorganization,” Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors, 40th Annual Bankruptcy & Restructuring Annual Conference, June 2024.
- Moderator, “Subchapter V: What Have We Learned So Far?” Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors, 39th Annual Bankruptcy & Restructuring Annual Conference, June 2023.
- Panelist, “Cutting Edge Issues in Recent Complex Confirmation Disputes,” Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors, 38th Annual Bankruptcy & Restructuring Annual Conference, June 2022.
- Panelist, “Can Vendors Be Victorious In Chapter 11?” Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors, 37th Annual Bankruptcy & Restructuring Annual Conference, June 2021. (virtual)
- Panelist, “The Bankruptcy Courts’ Response to the Pandemic,” American Bar Association, Business Law Section Spring Meeting, April 2021. (virtual)
- Moderator, “Recent Trends & Issues With DIP Financing,” American Bankruptcy Institute, ABILive Webinar, November 2020.
- Panelist, “363 Sales: An Overview & Recent Developments,” Richmond Bar Association, Bankruptcy Section –

CLE, January 2016.

- University of Richmond School of Law, guest lecturer, Bankruptcy Course (Prof. David Epstein).

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Pitfalls & Best Practices For Trade Creditors With Reclamation Rights," *Virginia State Bar Bankruptcy Law News*, Vol. XXIV, No. 28, Spring 2019.
- Author, "11th Circuit Affirms Use of § 1114 in Liquidating Chapter 11s," *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, Vol. XXXVIII, No. 4, April 2019. (Selected for inclusion in Best of ABI 2019: The Year in Business Bankruptcy.)
- Author, "Arctic Glacier: Enforcement of Third-Party Releases Upheld," *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, Vol. XXXVII, No. 12, December 2018.
- Author, "Millennium: At The Intersection of *Stern v. Marshall* and Third-Party Releases," *American Bankruptcy Institute Business Reorganization Committee Newsletter*, November 29, 2017.
- Author, "Make-Whole Premiums Subject To Continued Scrutiny," *American Bankruptcy Institute Business Reorganization Committee Newsletter*, May 19, 2015.
- Author, "Parent Corporations: Mitigating Risk & Preserving Rights When A Subsidiary Files For Chapter 11," *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, Vol. XXXII, No. 8, September 2013.
- Author, "You Can Come Under the TARP But First . . . The Bank of America – Merrill Lynch Merger Was A Failure of Corporate Governance," *9 FLA. ST. U. BUS. REV.* 21, August 2010.