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James H.M. Sprayregen is a Restructuring partner in the Chicago and New York offices of Kirkland & Ellis LLP and serves on Kirkland’s worldwide management committee. Mr. Sprayregen is recognized as one of the outstanding restructuring lawyers in the United States and around the world and has extensive experience representing major U.S. and international companies in restructurings both in and out of court. He also has extensive experience advising boards of directors, and generally representing debtors and creditors in workout, insolvency, restructuring, and bankruptcy matters worldwide. He has handled matters for clients in industries as varied as manufacturing, technology, transportation, energy, media, and real estate. Chambers & Partners has described Mr. Sprayregen as “a restructuring genius and one of the best strategists in the country.” Chambers said that clients it spoke to noted that he is “probably the best restructuring lawyer in the world.” Most recently, in 2014, Mr. Sprayregen was described by Chambers as “the godfather of restructuring” and “one of the major stars of the industry.” In March 2010, Mr. Sprayregen was selected by *The National Law Journal* as one of “The Decade’s Most Influential Lawyers.” In 2013, Mr. Sprayregen was named “Global Insolvency & Restructuring Lawyer of the Year” by Who’s Who Legal Awards, receiving more votes from clients and peers than any other individual worldwide. In October 2013, Mr. Sprayregen was inducted into the TMA Turnaround, Restructuring, and Distressed Investing Industry Hall of Fame.

Mr. Sprayregen joined Kirkland in 1990 and built its international Restructuring Group. He joined Goldman Sachs in 2006 where he was co-head of Goldman Sachs’ Restructuring Group and advised clients in restructuring and distressed situations. He rejoined Kirkland three years later.

Mr. Sprayregen has led bankruptcy cases for numerous companies including United Airlines, Conesco, Chiquita Brands, General Growth Properties, Innkeepers USA Trust, Japan Airlines Corporation as U.S. and international counsel, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Edison Mission Energy, MSR Resort Golf Course LLC, Hawker Beechcraft Inc., Cengage Learning, Inc., Sbarro Inc., Visteon Corporation, Lear Corporation, The Reader’s Digest Association, Corus Bankshares, Inc., Majestic Star Casino LLC, and ION Media Networks, Inc.

Mr. Sprayregen is a frequent lecturer and speaker, and has published numerous articles on insolvency, fiduciary duty, and distressed M&A issues. He has served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, New York University School of Law, and University of Pennsylvania Law School. In May 2013, Mr. Sprayregen was appointed to serve a two year term as the President of INSOL International, the leading insolvency association in the world.

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## ADAM HARRIS

Adam Harris is a director of Bowman Gilfillan and specializes in insolvency, business restructuring and related fields. He is a director of INSOL International, and also served for many years as a national councilor of SARIPA (the South African Restructuring and Insolvency Practitioners Association). He previously chaired the Law Society of South Africa Insolvency Committee.

In the course of his practice, Adam represents lenders and creditors and other institutions such as professional indemnity insurers, as well as insolvency practitioners in various aspects relating to the administration of insolvent estates and the restructuring and winding-up of companies. Adam has attended to some of the leading cases on different aspects of insolvency such as the constitutionality of interrogations, impeachable transactions, procedural aspects of liquidation applications and practitioners' remuneration.

He is one of the co-authors of the latest edition of Mars, a leading insolvency text in South Africa.

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## EDDIE MIDDLETON

Eddie's career in insolvency and restructuring is now into its third decade. Beginning with a rigorous and robust introduction to the specialism in the UK's Midlands' industrial heartland before moving to London, the major part of his career has been spent in Asia, where he has now spent more than fifteen years, primarily based in Hong Kong but also including two years in post-Asian Financial crisis Thailand. Eddie also slipped in a year spent in Hungary working in the aftermath of the collapse of the Berlin wall.

Eddie leads a practice that undertakes the full range of corporate and personal insolvency and restructuring matters, both in court and out of court, across all industries and across borders.

Recent or current highlights include:

Lehman Brothers — Liquidator of Lehman's HK entities

Vietnam Shipbuilding Industry (Vinashin) — Leading the KPMG team advising Vinashin on its US\$600m foreign loan facility;

Titan Petrochemicals — Liquidator of Titan's storage unit

Evergrande — Leading the KPMG team advising certain lenders in this financial restructuring

Asia Aluminum — Receiver over shares pledged to PIK noteholders, then Liquidator of the ultimate parent company

Ferrochina — Financial Advisor to the Administrator appointed by the PRC bankruptcy court

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## LUIZ FERNANDO VALENTE DE PAIVA

Luiz Fernando Valente de Paiva is the co-head of the corporate restructuring team of Pinheiro Neto Advogados. Mr. Paiva focuses his practice on Corporate reorganization and turnaround; bankruptcy; extrajudicial liquidation; recovery and renegotiation of debts; assistance and counseling to secured and unsecured creditors, financiers, lessors, debtors, investment funds, investors in distressed companies; structuring of contractual guarantees, and protection to creditors; civil and commercial litigation in general. He has stood out in recent high-profile cases involving the restructuring of Brazilian energy, food and telecom companies as well as the liquidation of financial institutions. He was a member of the Interministerial Committee that drafted the Brazilian Bankruptcy Law. His affiliations include: Member of the Boards of INSOL and IBR – Instituto Brasileiro de Estudos de Recuperação de Empresas, and former corporate secretary of IBR; founder and former member of the Board of Turnaround Management Association do Brasil; member of the World Bank Insolvency and Creditor/Debtor Regimes Task Force that contributed to the project on "Treatment of Insolvency of Natural Persons;" and member of the American Bankruptcy Institute – ABI, among others. He has been recommended and awarded by virtually all renowned publications in restructuring & insolvency practice. He earned his LLB (1991) and LLM (2009) degrees from the São Paulo Catholic University. He is a former undergraduate professor at Brazilian universities and an invited professor to several bankruptcy law specialization courses in Brazil and abroad. Mr Paiva has authored several book chapters and articles on the Brazilian bankruptcy and delivered 200-plus lectures on bankruptcy law in Brazil and abroad.

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## MARK ROBINSON

Mark is a Partner of PPB Advisory, a leading professional advisory firm employing over 300 people across Australia and New Zealand. Mark has successfully managed large and complex turnaround and insolvency administrations, ranging down to discrete family company matters and high profile personal bankruptcies.

Mark is currently Vice President and Treasurer of INSOL International. He is also a past President of the Insolvency Practitioners' Association of Australia.

Mark has a Master of Management Economics (Project Management), University of New South Wales and a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting, Finance and Information Systems (with Merit), University of New South Wales. He is an official and registered liquidator and registered trustee in bankruptcy in Australia and Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

### Experience and Expertise

Mark has specialist experience in real estate and construction, government advisory and family owned businesses.

Mark's recent significant matters include:

- Darrell Lea Chocolate (manufacturing, wholesale, retail and export)
- Kell & Rigby (construction)
- Reed (construction)
- Office of Fair Trading, New South Wales (government advisory)
- Trio Capital and Astarra Strategic Fund (finance)
- Nauru Phosphate Royalties Trust (real estate)
- Autogroup (automotive)

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