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Christopher Andrew Jarvinen is a partner on the Business Reorganization Team in Miami. His practice focuses on handling chapter 11 cases, cross-border insolvency matters, out-of-court restructurings and bankruptcy-related litigation. Christopher's extensive experience has equipped him to provide clients in a diverse range of industries with value-added, cost-effective solutions for complex, business and litigation, challenges arising in the context of financially-distressed situations, corporate restructurings, and contentious bankruptcy proceedings.

Education

J.D., Boston College Law School
M.A.S. in Global Health Planning and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (in progress)
MSc. in Major Programme Management, University of Oxford (Saïd Business School; Pembroke College)
PGDip in Entrepreneurship, University of Cambridge (Judge Business School) (attended)
PGDIP, OL (Organisational Leadership), University of Oxford (Saïd Business School; Pembroke College)
Global Executive MBA, Getulio Vargas Foundation of São Paulo, School of Business Administration of São Paulo (Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Escola de Administração de Empresas de São Paulo)
M.A., Teachers College, Columbia University (attended)
M.A., Yale Divinity School

M.T.S., Harvard Divinity School
A.B., Brown University

Bar Admissions

Florida
Massachusetts
New York
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
U.S. District Court, Massachusetts
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
United States Court of International Trade

Practice Teams

Business Reorganization

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy Litigation
Bankruptcy/Restructuring
Distressed M&A & Restructuring
Latin America & Caribbean Practice

Foreign Languages

- Portuguese

Representative Matters

Christopher has served as debtor's counsel to large public and private companies, including:

- **AeroTech Miami Inc. d/b/a iAero Tech** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – the operator of the largest business-to-business air charter airline in the United States with a fleet of 42 passenger and cargo aircraft, servicing customers both domestically and internationally.
- **Delphi Behavioral Health Group, LLC** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – a provider of inpatient and outpatient behavioral healthcare services in the substance use disorder, addiction and mental health treatment sector which operated 12 clinical facilities and two recovery residences.
- **Unipharma, LLC** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – a healthcare packaging company serving the pharmaceutical and nutraceutical sectors in the development, manufacturing, and packaging of liquid, disposable and single-dose units.
- **Just One More Restaurant, Inc.** (Bankr. M.D. Fla.) – the owner of the intellectual property for the iconic "The Palm" – one of the most well-known steakhouse brands and high-end restaurant groups in the U.S.

and Mexico.

- **Simply Fashion Stores, Ltd.** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – a retail chain of approximately 250 stores providing affordable clothing options for urban women.
- **Allen Systems Group, Inc.** (Bankr. D. Del.) – a global provider of mission-critical enterprise information technology solutions (*pre-filing bankruptcy counsel*).
- **Maguire Group Holdings, Inc.** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – a cross-border provider of architectural, engineering, planning, and construction management services.
- **Progressive Molded Products, Inc.** (Bankr. D. Del.) – a Canadian-based, international automotive interior subsystem supplier.
- **Interliant, Inc.** (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) – a provider of information technology services.

Christopher has extensive experience representing official committees of unsecured creditors, including:

- **Goodman & Dominguez, Inc. (d/b/a "Traffic Shoes")** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – a multi-regional retailer of women's shoes and apparel.
- **Stemtech International, Inc.** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – a direct-marketer of nutritional products.
- **PJ Finance Company, LLC** (Bankr. D. Del.) – the owner and operator of 33 residential apartment complexes located throughout the U.S.
- **Extended Stay Inc.** (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) – an international chain of extended stay hotels.
- **Montgomery Ward, LLC** (Bankr. D. Del.) – a national retail chain.
- **Filene's Basement, Inc.** (Bankr. D. Mass.) – a national retail chain.

Christopher's significant receiver, chapter 11 trustee and plan trustee representations includes:

- the receiver appointed in **In re Smerling Litigation** (S.D.N.Y.) – a receivership involving the misappropriation of more than $136 million from two financial institutions.
- the plan trustee appointed in **Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp.** (Bankr. M.D. Fla.) – the largest independent mortgage lender in the U.S.
- the court-appointed chapter 11 trustee in **Rothstein Rosenfeldt Adler P.A.** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – a law firm in which a Ponzi-scheme in excess of $1.2 billion was run by Scott Rothstein through his operation of the debtor.
- the receiver in **Florida Gaming Centers, Inc.** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – a casino operator.
- the plan trustee appointed in **American Home Mortgage Holdings, Inc.** (Bankr. D. Del.) – the 10th largest U.S. originator, servicer, and seller of mortgage loans.

Christopher regularly represents major parties involved in chapter 15 ancillary cross-border cases, including:

- a party involved in a complex multi-jurisdictional litigation in **Banco Santos, S.A.** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – a Brazilian bank in liquidation that operated a Ponzi scheme.
- the secured lender in **World Financial Group, Inc.** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – a holding company formed in the BVI.
- a party in **Varig Logistica S.A.** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – a Brazilian company that was engaged in the business of providing cargo air support.
- a secured creditor in **Independência S.A.** (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) – a Brazilian beef exporter.
- the secured creditor in **W.C. Wood Corp., Ltd.** (Bankr. D. Del.) – a Canadian manufacturer of refrigerators and other white goods.

Christopher has been in many other notable bankruptcy cases, including representing:

- a leading provider of integrated software, data, and analytics solutions in **Ditech Holding Corporation** (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) – an independent servicer and originator of mortgage loans and servicer of reverse

mortgage loans.

- the prepetition agent for the first-tier lending group in **One Aviation Corporation** (Bankr. D. Del.) – a company that designs and manufactures very light jets.
- the hotel condominium association in **Elcom Hotel & Spa, LLC** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – a five-star hotel and residential condominium complex.
- the secured creditor in **Decorator Industries, Inc.** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – a national designer, manufacturer, and retailer of interior furnishings.
- the secured creditor in **Maysville, Inc.** (Bankr. S.D. Fla.) – the owner of apartments and condominium complexes.
- a French hedge fund and a Canadian retirement fund in **SPhinX, Ltd.** (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) – a hedge fund registered in the Cayman Islands.
- a corporation that had sold its automobile and industrial friction products business to a predecessor-in-interest of **Federal-Mogul Global, Inc.** (Bankr. D. Del.) - an international manufacturer of auto parts and systems.

Awards & Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2023-2024
- Leading Individual in Bankruptcy/Restructuring by Chambers USA: *America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (2014-2018 (Band 3); (2020-2023 (Band 2))
- American College of Bankruptcy - Fellow
- International Insolvency Institute - Fellow
- American Law Institute - Member
- American Bar Foundation - Fellow
- Lawdragon 500 US Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers, 2020; 2022-2023
- Lawdragon 500 Global Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers, 2020
- J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board (U.S. Department of State) – Senior Fulbright Specialist: Bankruptcy Law and Restructuring Research Center of the China University of Political Science and Law
- 11th Annual M&A Advisor Turnaround Awards - Served as debtors' counsel for, and won, the award for "Consumer Discretionary Deal of the Year" with respect to the chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Simply Fashion Stores, Ltd. (2017)
- 10th Annual M&A Advisor Turnaround Awards - Served as pre-filing debtors' counsel for, and won, the award for "Technology Restructuring of the Year" with respect to the chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Allen Systems Group, Inc. (2016)
- 7th Annual M&A Advisor Turnaround Awards - Served as lead counsel for, and won, the award for "Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year (between $10mm to $250mm)" for reorganizing Maguire Group Holdings, Inc. (2013)
- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) - Class 2 of the "Next Generation Program" (2012)
- International Insolvency Institute (III) - Class I of the III "NextGen Leadership Program" (2012)

Community Activities / Associations

- Member, Bankruptcy & Corporate Reorganization Committee of the New York City Bar Association
- Member and Served as Secretary (2020), Vice Chairperson (2021) and Chairperson (2022) of the Standing Bankruptcy Lawyers Advisory Committee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida.
- Member of Advisory Board, American Bankruptcy Institute - New York City Bankruptcy Conference

- Member of Organizing Committee (2006-Present) and Past Chair (2012-2015), American Bankruptcy Institute - Caribbean Insolvency Symposium
- Co-Founder, Current Member, TMA Brasil; Former Ambassador of TMA-Brasil to the TMA (U.S.)
- Former Official Liaison to the Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil, American Bar Association (2009-2011; 2013-2014)
- Former Board of Editors, International Corporate Rescue (2006-2017)
- Former Member of the Leadership Council, Harvard Divinity School (2010-2015)
- Member, Lambda Legal - Nonprofit national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and everyone living with HIV

In the News

The Legal 500 Comparative Guides "United States: Restructuring & Insolvency"
July 11, 2023

Berger Singerman Attorneys Listed in the 2023 Edition of Lawdragon’s 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers
June 20, 2023

Berger Singerman Recognized by Chambers USA for Twentieth Consecutive Year
June 1, 2023

Forty-Three Berger Singerman Attorneys Recognized in the 2023 Edition of Best Lawyers In America
August 18, 2022

M&A Advisor Recognizes Berger Singerman LLP for its Work on the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case of Unipharma
June 15, 2022

Berger Singerman Recognized by Chambers USA for Nineteenth Consecutive Year
June 1, 2022

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Attends the Sixtieth Session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group V (Insolvency Law)
April 18, 2022

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Serves as a Judge at the Prestigious 2022 Mediation Tournament Held by the New York State Bar Association
March 21, 2022

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Elected as Chairperson of the Standing Bankruptcy Lawyers Advisory Committee (LAC) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of Florida
March 7, 2022

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Recognized by the World Bank Group for Contributions During 2021 to the Research of The Global Indicators Group
February 9, 2022

Berger Singerman Attorneys Listed in the 2022 Edition of Lawdragon’s 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers
January 14, 2022

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Spoke in São Paulo (Brazil) at the National Conference of the Turnaround Management Association – Brazil
October 15, 2021

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Invited to Join the Bankruptcy & Corporate Reorganization Committee of the New York City Bar Association

September 14, 2021

Berger Singerman’s Bankruptcy Litigation Practice Recognized As 2021 “Litigation Departments of the Year” By Daily Business Review
March 29, 2021

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Featured in the book, "Handbook for Protection of Creditors' Claim in Bankruptcy", published by Law Press-China
March 16, 2021

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Provides Perspectives on Litigation-Related “Hot Topics” Under Chapter 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code at the American Bankruptcy Institute’s Caribbean Insolvency Symposium
February 9, 2021

Berger Singerman Partner Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Joins Advisory Board of the American Bankruptcy Institute’s New York City Bankruptcy Conference
January 4, 2021

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida
September 20, 2020

The Claims Trading Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute, on which Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Serves as Co-Chairperson, Publishes Its Latest Newsletter
September 13, 2020

Five Berger Singerman Attorneys Listed in Inaugural Edition of Lawdragon's 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers
July 29, 2020

Daily Business Review Features Berger Singerman in "Family Feud, Bankruptcy Filings, Coronavirus Loom Over $45 Million Palm Restaurant Sale"
March 30, 2020

The New York Times Quotes Christopher Jarvinen in "How Private Equity Buried Payless"
January 30, 2020

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Appointed to the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida
January 6, 2020

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Serves as a Judge for The M&A Advisor’s 14th Annual Turnaround Awards
December 12, 2019

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen to Serve on Host Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in Washington, D.C.
October 6, 2019

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen to Speak at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in Washington, D.C.
August 4, 2019

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Serves as a Contributor to the World Bank Group’s Doing Business 2020
July 10, 2019

The Claims Trading Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute, Recently Founded by Christopher Andrew Jarvinen, Publishes Its Inaugural Newsletter
June 26, 2019

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Serves as a Judge for The M&A Advisor’s 10th Annual Emerging Leaders Awards
June 19, 2019

Berger Singerman Partner Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Joins Advisory Board of the American Bankruptcy Institute's Cross-Border Insolvency Program
May 19, 2019

Berger Singerman Partner Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Served as a Discussant at The Jimen Insolvency and Restructuring Dialogue Focused on Consumer Bankruptcy
April 19, 2019

Berger Singerman Partner Christopher Andrew Jarvinen to Speak at U.S. Embassy in Beijing, China
April 14, 2019

Berger Singerman Partner Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Named Senior U.S. Fulbright Specialist in Law
March 17, 2019

Berger Singerman Expands Team With Addition of Christopher Andrew Jarvinen, Robin Rubens and Michael Niles
February 24, 2019

Rare quotes Christopher Jarvinen in, "A string of stores may be staring down the barrel of bankruptcy in 2018 — is your favorite on the list?"
January 1, 2018

CNBC quotes Christopher Jarvinen in, "Bankruptcies will continue to rock retail in 2018. Here's what you need to watch"
December 12, 2017

Law360 quotes Christopher Jarvinen in, "Holiday Season Won't Contain 'Retail Apocalypse'"
November 26, 2017

Reuters quotes Christopher Jarvinen in "In tough retail landscape, Payless emerges as rare bankruptcy survivor"
August 8, 2017

American College of Bankruptcy to Induct Christopher Jarvinen as New Fellow in 28th Class
March 9, 2017

Daily Business Review quotes Christopher Jarvinen on "It Really Worked: Opposing Firms Join Forces to Save a Business From Bankruptcy"
February 2, 2017

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen to Be Inducted into the American College of Bankruptcy
November 9, 2016

Daily Business Review mentions Paul Singerman and Christopher Jarvinen on "Attorneys, Court Expedite Bankruptcy of Women's Retailer"
June 28, 2016

Publications

The Legal 500 "United States: Restructuring & Insolvency"
December 5, 2022

The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides, "United States: Restructuring & Insolvency"
July 26, 2022

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida
September 20, 2020

The Claims Trading Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute, on which Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Serves as Co-Chairperson, Publishes Its Latest Newsletter

September 13, 2020

The Legal 500 & The In-House Lawyer, "United States: Restructuring & Insolvency (4th edition)"
June 7, 2020

American Bankruptcy Institute Claims Trading Committee, "Letter from the Co-Chairs"
June 18, 2019

The Legal 500 & The In-House Lawyer, "United States: Restructuring & Insolvency (3rd edition)"
May 8, 2019

Events & Speaking Engagements

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen Spoke in São Paulo (Brazil) at the National Conference of the Turnaround Management Association – Brazil
October 15, 2021

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen, Panelist, "Cross-Border Rescue and Failure: Temas Candentes (Hot Topics)", ABI Caribbean Insolvency Symposium
February 9, 2021

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen to Serve on Host Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in Washington, D.C.
October 6, 2019

Christopher Andrew Jarvinen to Speak at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in Washington, D.C.
August 4, 2019

Berger Singerman Partner Christopher Andrew Jarvinen to Speak at U.S. Embassy in Beijing, China
April 14, 2019

Prior Affiliations

- Richards Kibbe & Orbe LLP (n/k/a Crowell & Moring LLP); New York, N.Y. (partner)
- Hahn & Hessen, LLP (n/k/a Thompson Coburn LLP); New York, N.Y. (partner)
- Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP; New York, N.Y. (associate)
- Kronish Lieb Weiner & Hellman, LLP (n/k/a Cooley LLP); New York, N.Y. (associate)