

## Press Release

# Bankruptcy, Financial Restructuring and Insolvency Practice Group Grows in Houston

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Munsch Hardt, a Texas-based commercial law firm, expands its Bankruptcy, Financial Restructuring and Insolvency practice group with the recent addition of John Cornwell.

Cornwell brings with him more than 10 years of experience at an established international law firm in the Houston legal community. He routinely represents secured and unsecured creditors, debtors, chapter 11 trustees, third-party purchasers and a variety of other interest holders in a wide range of insolvency and restructuring matters. The move was instrumental in broadening the bench of Munsch Hardt's energy restructuring practice.

"The energy sector is continuing to experience considerable financial distress, resulting in a significant increase in workouts and bankruptcy filings. Given Houston's position in the marketplace as an international energy center, many of the ongoing energy restructurings we are involved in concern companies based in or near Houston. John brings to us senior level experience, broadening our bench in Houston and enabling us to better serve our clients' needs. His considerable experience in restructuring matters makes him a great addition to our Bankruptcy, Financial Restructuring and Insolvency group," said Phil Appenzeller, CEO of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr. "John has an impressive track record and has demonstrated great success in his career. We are thrilled to welcome him to the Munsch Hardt team."

John joins the firm after having spent over 10 years at Norton Rose Fulbright. He has represented a variety of clients, including national and international energy producers, manufacturers and distributors, and primary lenders and lender groups in chapter 11 proceedings ranging from reorganization of a telecommunications conglomerate with diverse international assets to a California timber company with a multitude of environmental, regulatory and pension concerns.

"Munsch Hardt was an attractive option for me because it offers clients a strong, multi-disciplinary platform with a regional rate structure that aligns well with its clients' plans to grow and prosper. It has one of the larger bankruptcy and restructuring practices based in Texas, and the attorneys in this group have been involved in many complex and high profile bankruptcy matters across the United States. I am excited to work alongside this distinguished group of attorneys and offer my experience on sophisticated bankruptcy, finance and restructuring matters," said Cornwell.

Cornwell received his bachelor's degree in Business Management from Texas A&M University, and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston Law Center. He has been recognized on the *Thompson Reuters* Super Lawyers awards list since 2010 and is an active member of the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program by representing pro bono clients in family law and bankruptcy matters.

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