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William Ebert has dedicated his practice to representing large financial institutions, private equity funds and companies in all types of secured and unsecured commercial lending transactions, including acquisition financing, project financing, syndicated loans, asset-based and reserve-based financings, as well as restructurings and debtor-in-possession financings. A large portion of Will's practice consists of the representation of clients in the upstream, midstream and renewable energy sectors operating in both the United States and international markets.

As a result of his deep understanding of financings secured by various types of oil and gas and renewable energy assets, Will is able to arrive at practical and efficient solutions for his clients that satisfy both sides of a transaction. During economic downturns, he collaborates with his colleagues in the firm's restructuring practice on workouts and refinancings.

Will was part of the Bracewell team that was recognized for its role in McDermott International's restructuring, which was named Restructuring Deal of the Year at the IFLR Americas Awards 2021.

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Experience

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

- as lender, administrative agent and collateral agent in the successfully completed exit financing for Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. and certain affiliates. The exit financing included approximately \$400 million in a revolving credit facility, \$100 million in a term loan and over \$85 million in privately placed notes.

Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank

- as agent to the lenders in the \$2.44 billion letter of credit facility and approximately \$544 million in funded debt for McDermott International in the successfully completed emergence from bankruptcy
- \$2.8 billion financing facility in prepackaged Chapter 11 restructuring transaction for McDermott International, as agent to revolving debtor-in-possession (DIP) lenders
- \$1.7 billion new financing for McDermott International which includes immediate access to \$650 million of financing comprised of \$550 million under a term loan credit facility and \$100 million under a letter of credit facility, as lead arranger and revolving administrative agent
- as lead arranger, in the \$4.65 billion financing of McDermott International, Inc.'s all-stock combination with Chicago Bridge & Iron Company N.V., consisting of a \$2.26 billion senior secured term loan facility, a \$1.0 billion senior secured revolving credit facility and a \$1.39 billion senior secured letter of credit facility

Equinor

- negotiation of purchase and sales agreements and conditional grant agreements with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) in support of the 1,260 MW Empire Wind 2 and the 1,230 MW Beacon Wind projects

Venoco, Inc.

- creditor negotiations and Chapter 11 reorganization, which resulted in the elimination of almost \$1 billion in debt. The bankruptcy proceeding was completed in four months and with the agreement of all creditor groups
- issuance of its \$175 million of first lien notes, \$75 million secured term loan, and exchange of \$194 million in principal and interest of its unsecured notes for \$150 million of second lien notes. M&A Advisor named the transactions its 2015 "Deal of the Year," out-of-court restructuring greater than \$500 million

Credentials

Education

- American University, Washington College of Law, J.D., 2008
- University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 2003

Bar Admissions

- New York

- District of Columbia

Recognition

The Legal 500 United States

- Finance: Commercial Lending, 2023 – 2024