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Justin Breen is co-head of the Global Finance practice. His principal focus is the representation of leading private credit providers and investment banks in complex corporate finance transactions, including leveraged sponsor buyouts, acquisition financings and recapitalization transactions. Justin’s clients include leading institutional investors, direct lenders, private debt funds, investment banks and business development companies, and he advises these clients on a broad range of financing transactions, including syndicated and non-syndicated senior and senior "stretch" loans, unitranche facilities, second lien financings, mezzanine financings, high yield bonds and structured preferred equity.

In recent years, Justin has been at the forefront of the intersection between private capital and sports and has advised clients in connection with multiple debt and equity investments in the sports, media and entertainment space, including teams in the NFL, La Liga, Ligue 1, Premier League, and Formula 1 as well as investments involving volleyball, cricket, mixed martial arts and Australian rugby.

Justin has closed finance transactions with an aggregate value well in excess of $100 billion. His clients include market-leading investors, including Ares Capital, Antares Capital, Centerbridge Partners, Churchill Asset Management, Golub Capital, Overland Advantage, Thoma Bravo Credit and Varagon Capital.

Matters

Justin’s representative transactions and practice include:

- Representation of the initial purchasers in high yield bond offerings by Acadia Healthcare Company Inc., Amsted Industries Incorporated, Baker & Taylor Acquisition Corp, Carolina Beverage Group LLC, CompuCom Systems, Inc., Cornerstone Chemical Company, CNO Financial Corp., DirecTV, DynCorp International, Inc., Harmony Foods Corporation, Interface Security Systems, Inc., Kimball Hill Inc., North Atlantic Trading Company, Inc., Nutro Products, Inc., Quintiles Transnational Holdings, Inc., Soho House Bond Ltd, SquareTwo Financial Corporation, Susser Holdings LLC, Toys R Us Delaware Inc., Vanguard Health Systems Inc. and United Surgical Partners International, Inc.
- Representation of the administrative agent and lenders in bank financings by Anthony, Inc., Charlotte Russe, Inc., Consolidated Precision Products, Inc., Grocery Outlets, Inc., JHP Pharmaceuticals, LLC, Kraft Foods Inc., Medassets, Inc., Merge Healthcare Incorporated, Nixon Inc., Noranco, Inc., Passport Health Communications, Inc., Penn National Gaming, Inc., PetroChoice Holdings, LLC, RegionalCare, Inc., Sbarro Inc., Service King Paint & Body, LLC, Service Repair Solutions, Inc., Strategic Partners, Inc., Toys “R” Us-Delaware, Inc., Universal Services of America, L.P. and WorldStrides, Inc.
- Representation of the underwriters in investment grade bond offerings by DirecTV, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. and the Xerox Corporation.
- Representation of public companies, private equity and hedge fund clients in a broad range of transactional and general corporate matters.

Practices

Global Finance, Infrastructure Debt, Syndicated Leveraged Finance and Capital Markets, Asset-Based Lending, Financial Restructuring and Special Situations, Sports, Media & Entertainment Finance, Private Credit, Private Credit Restructuring, Capital Markets, Private Equity Transactions, Real Estate Finance, Real Estate

Capital Markets, Hybrid Capital

Industries

Asset Management, Private Capital, Financial Services, Private Equity

Education

Villanova University School of Law, J.D.

cum laude

University of Vermont, B.A.

Admissions & Qualifications

New York

Memberships

New York State Bar Association

New York City Bar

Awards & Recognition

Best Lawyers in America 2027

Chambers USA: Nationwide: Private Credit, 2026

Chambers Global: USA: Banking & Finance 2022-2025

Chambers Global: USA: Private Credit 2025

Chambers USA: New York: Banking & Finance 2021-2024

Chambers USA: Capital Markets: Debt & Equity 2013-2014

Chambers USA: Private Credit (Band One) 2024-2025

The Legal 500 United States: Commercial Lending: Advice to Direct Lenders: Hall of Fame 2025-2026

The Legal 500 United States: Capital Markets: Global Offerings: Advice to Underwriters 2017

The Legal 500 United States: Capital Markets: High Yield Debt Offerings: Advice to Underwriters 2017

The Legal 500 United States: Capital Markets: High Yield Debt Offerings: Advice to Issuers 2017-2019

The Legal 500 United States: Finance: Bank Lending 2012, 2014-2016, 2018

The Legal 500 United States: Capital Markets: High-Yield Debt Offerings: Advice to Managers 2011-2014

The Legal 500 United States: Capital Markets: Global Offerings: Advice to

Corporates 2012-2013

The Legal 500 United States: Capital Markets: Debt Offerings 2012-2013

The Legal 500 United States: Commercial Lending: Advice to Borrowers 2019-2021

The Legal 500 United States: Commercial Lending: Advice to Lenders 2020-2025

New York Super Lawyers "Rising Stars," Securities & Corporate Finance 2012-2015