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OVERVIEW

John Bicks is the managing partner of the firm's New York office, and a partner in the Finance practice. He focuses his practice on matters relating to the representation of debtors, official and unofficial committees of creditors and equity security holders, individual creditors, investors, plan sponsors, and asset acquirers in Chapter 11 cases, as well as out-of-court restructurings, related transactions and bankruptcy litigation.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, John practiced at another law firm in New York. He also served as general counsel and co-chairman and CEO of publicly held ICH Corporation and its various operating subsidiaries, and as an assistant district attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's office.

John has appeared regularly as a legal analyst on various national television news programs including Fox News, CNN and Court TV.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law in New York, NY, 2025-2027

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 1985
- B.A., Haverford College, 1982

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 15 January 2019, Distressed Solutions: The Global Reach of the US Bankruptcy Code and Litigation Between Financial Institutions

NEWS & EVENTS

- 22 September 2026, K&L Gates Adds State and Local Tax Partner in New York
- 7 July 2026, K&L Gates Bolsters Asset Management and Investment Funds Practice With Chief Counsel to Former CFTC Commissioner in New York
- 17 November 2025, K&L Gates Bolsters Maritime Practice With Addition of Former US Navy Officer in New York
- 28 July 2025, K&L Gates Strengthens Asset Management and Investment Funds Practice With New York Partner Addition
- 26 February 2025, K&L Gates Adds Commercial Disputes Partner to New York Office
- 12 December 2024, K&L Gates Bolsters Labor, Employment, and Workplace Safety Practice With New York Partner Addition
- 22 August 2023, K&L Gates Deepens Financial Services Regulatory and Enforcement Capabilities With Addition of New York Partner Pair
- 29 December 2021 , K&L Gates Advises SeaChange on Merger Forming $5 Billion Public Video App Business
- 31 August 2021, K&L Gates Adds New York Partners in Firm's Asset Management and Investment Funds, Corporate Practice Areas
- 10 June 2021, K&L Gates Advises Spartacus Acquisition Corporation on Merger With NextNav
- 31 October 2016, K&L Gates Boosts International Arbitration Practice with Hire of New York Partner Pair
- 28 July 2016, K&L Gates Adds Leading FinTech Partners
- 17 March 2016, K&L Gates Names New York Partner as 2016 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow
- 18 February 2016, K&L Gates Further Bolsters Investment Management Practice with New York Partner Addition
- 5 November 2015, K&L Gates Further Strengthens Investment Management Practice with New York Partner Addition
- 6 August 2015, K&L Gates Strengthens Investment Management Practice with New York Partner Addition
- 28 April 2015, K&L Gates Represents Bahraini Banks in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on Question of ‘Personal Jurisdiction’

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Mergers and Acquisitions

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services
- Private Credit

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represent publicly-held asset manager/alternative finance company in regulatory, compliance and investment matters
- Represent family fund in regulatory, compliance and investment matters
- Represent private fund in regulatory, compliance and investment matters
- Represent Viamedia as borrower in out-of-court workout
- Represent public company in electric construction industry in substantially all matters relating to parent corporation and its various operating subsidiaries
- Represented shareholders and senior management of Quadriga Art and affiliates in an out-of-court restructuring of more than $100 million in funded debt.
- Represent official equity committee in chapter 11 cases of Hancock Fabrics and affiliates
- Represent official committee of unsecured creditors in chapter 11 case of Powermate Corporation
- Represent official equity committee in chapter 11 cases of Loral Space and Communications and affiliates
- Represented official equity committee in the Chapter 11 cases of Eagle-Picher Industries (Southern District of Ohio).
- Represented official creditors committee in the Chapter 11 cases of Federal-Mogul Corporation and affiliates.
- Represented Titan Outdoor as debtor in an out-of-court restructuring of more than $1 billion in funded debt and other contractual obligations.
- Represented Movie Gallery, Hollywood Video and affiliates as debtors-in-possession in Chapter 11 cases in the Eastern District of Virginia.
- Represented Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation of State of New York in prosecution of claims against estate of Lehman Brothers Holdings relating to termination of two Reserve Fund Agreements with an aggregate face value of nearly $400 million.

- Represented holders of a $466 million contested antitrust claim in the Chapter 11 cases of Avaya and its subsidiaries.
- Represented three Korean banks in separate clawback actions brought by the Lehman Brothers estate, including argument of a related appeal before the Second Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.