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Maria J. DiConza represents debtors, creditors, purchasers, lenders, and other parties-in-interest in Chapter 11 reorganizations, out-of-court restructurings, and bankruptcy litigation. Over the course of more than 20 years in practice, Maria's experience spans various industries including health care, manufacturing, energy, financial services, and for-profit education.

Prior to joining O'Melveny, Maria was a shareholder at another major law firm.

Experience

Complex Financial Restructurings

- Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority, Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority and Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority in in-court and out-of-court debt restructuring under PROMESA.
- City of Hartford, Connecticut, as restructuring counsel.
- Consol Energy, Inc. in US\$3.5 billion sale of its subsidiary that owned and operated five thermal coal mines to a subsidiary of Murray Energy Corp.
- Mexican satellite company Satélites Mexicanos S.A. de C.V. in restructuring of more than US\$400 million in debt through a prepackaged Chapter 11 case.

Debtor Representations

- Women's clothing retailer, Fancesca's Holdings Corp. and its subsidiaries.

Admissions

Bar Admissions

New York

Court Admissions

US District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York

Education

St. John's University, J.D.

1997: *magna cum laude*; Articles and Notes Editor, *St. John's Law Review*; Dean's List; St. John's School of Law Scholarship; CALI Award for Excellence in Corporate Taxation
William and Mary, B.A., Government, 1994: Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society

- Optima Specialty Steel, Inc., one of North America's leading independent manufacturers of specialty steel products.
- SFX Entertainment, Inc. and its subsidiaries, producers and promoters of live electronic dance music events throughout the world.
- MIG, Inc. (f/k/a Metromedia International Group, Inc.), owner of communications and media business that operates in the Republic of Georgia.
- For-profit higher educational companies Florida Career College, Anthem Education, and their subsidiaries.
- Canned vegetable producer Allens, Inc.
- Fast casual restaurant chain and franchisor BackYard Burgers, Inc. and its subsidiaries.
- Chem Rx Corp., long-term care pharmaceutical company, and its affiliates.
- Valeo Electrical Systems, Inc., leading auto parts manufacturer
- Neogenix Oncology, Inc., a clinical stage biotherapeutic company.
- Liquidating trust of Fruehauf Trailer Corp.
- Former securities broker-dealer GCO Services and Gruntal Financial.

Lender/Creditor Representations

- Secured creditor and purchaser of United Road Towing.
- Secured creditor and purchaser of American Laser Centers.
- Multiple customer, creditors, and parties-in-interest in the MF Global and Lehman Brothers SIPC and bankruptcy cases.
- International financial institution in Adelphia Communications Chapter 11 cases.

Professional Activities

Member

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Catholic Renewal
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation

Articles, Publications & Lectures

- Speaker, "Unprecedented Times in the Municipal Market," Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors' (AIRA) 34th Annual Bankruptcy & Restructuring Conference (June 15, 2018)
- Speaker, "Municipal Bankruptcies," American Bankruptcy Institute's (ABI) 20th Annual New York City Bankruptcy Conference (May 24, 2018)
- Speaker, "The Most Important Bankruptcy Cases Ever," American Bankruptcy Institute's (ABI) 36th Annual Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. (April 20, 2018)
- Speaker, "Healthcare and Education," American Bankruptcy Institute's (ABI) 19th Annual New York City Bankruptcy Conference (May 18, 2017)

- Speaker, "Multiple Debtors: Best Practices for Corporate Governance in Multi-Debtor Cases," American Bankruptcy Institute's (ABI) 18th Annual New York City Bankruptcy Conference (May 18, 2016)
- Quoted, "Fewer Stalking Horse Perks Discourage Distressed Buyers," *Law360* (March 14, 2014)
- Mentioned, "Sager Creek Nabs Defunct Allens With \$160M Bid," *Law360* (February 7, 2014)
- Mentioned, "Sealing The Deal: Greenberg Guides Consol's \$3.5B Mine Sale," *Law360* (December 3, 2013)
- Mentioned, "Greenberg Among Firms on Consol Deal: Business of Law," *Bloomberg* (October 29, 2013)
- Mentioned, "Five Firms Advise on \$3.5 Billion Consol Coal Mine Deal," *The Am Law Daily*, (October 28, 2013)
- Presenter, "Notable Trends in Restructuring: The Latest in Exit Financing Structures," Greenberg Traurig presentation (June 30, 2011)

Honors & Awards

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law in New York, NY (2022, 2021)
- Named to the *Lawdragon 500* Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers (2020)
- *The Legal 500 United States* (2012-2013, 2015, 2019)
- *Marquis Who's Who in the World* (2018)