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Jeff Norton focuses his practice on public and private finance matters, with particular emphasis on domestic and cross-border corporate and acquisition financing including leveraged credits and high yield bonds. His experience includes advising financial institutions, financial sponsors, private credit funds and corporates on a variety of finance matters in the US, Europe, Asia and Latin America. He has significant experience advising on syndicated credits, direct lending, fund financing, Term Loan B credits, bridge financings, high yield note issuances, unitranche facilities, first and second lien financings, asset based lending, distressed debt, infrastructure finance, REIT facilities, securitization platforms and facilities, fund finance, liability management transactions and restructurings.

Jeff has been repeatedly recognized by *Chambers USA* and *Chambers Global* as a leading banking and finance lawyer.

Jeff joined O'Melveny as a corporate associate in 1985, where he practiced until 2005. He served as partner and head of the firm's banking practice. Prior to rejoining O'Melveny in late 2019, Jeff was a partner at two international law firms, serving as one firm's co-managing partner of the US and head of the US banking practice.

Professional Activities

Publications

- "Bankruptcy Court Ruling Imposes Lender Liability," *Harvard Law School Bankruptcy Roundtable* (May, 2022)

Admissions

Bar Admissions
New York

Education

Cornell Law School, J.D., 1985, *cum laude*, Senior Editor, Cornell Law Review

University of Washington, M.A., 1982, *cum laude*

University of Washington, B.A., 1981, Honors

- “Private Credit and Middle Market Update: Key Trends and Developments,” *ICLG Lending & Secured Finance 2022* (April, 2022)
- “Secured Lending Comparative Guide for the United States,” *Mondaq* (February, 2022)
- “Private Credit and Middle Market Update: Pandemic Priming Priming Shifts Debt to Defence,” *ICLG Lending and Secured Finance 2021* (April, 2021)
- “2020 Private Credit Overview and Update: Financing the Middle Market,” *ICLG Lending and Secured Finance Laws and Regulations 2020* (April 7, 2020)
- “The Global Private Credit Market: 2019 Update,” *ICLG Guide to Lending and Secured Finance 2019* (September 4, 2019)
- “Trends in the Expanding Global Private Credit Market: What to Expect for 2018 and Beyond,” *ICLG Guide to Lending and Secured Finance 2018* (April, 2018)
- “The Last Leverage Test?,” *IFLR* (July 11, 2016)
- “Translating High Yield to Leveraged Loans: Avoiding Covenant Convergence Confusion,” *ICLG Guide to Lending and Secured Finance 2016* (April, 2016)

Speaking Engagements

- “Strafford CLE Webinar: Pre-Chapter 11 Priming Transactions: Creating Liquidity, Delaying Maturities, Removing Covenant,” Strafford CLE Webinar (April, 2022)
- “Structuring Term Loan B Transactions: Combining High Yield Financing With Conventional Bank Loans,” Strafford CLE Webinar (March 27, 2018)

Honors & Awards

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® for Banking and Finance Law (2018-2022)