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John H. Cobb is the co-chair of the Leveraged Finance practice of Paul Hastings and is based in the firm's New York office. Mr. Cobb's practice focuses on handling leveraged loan and capital markets transactions. He has extensive experience representing banks, investors, and mezzanine funds, as well as issuers, in connection with a broad range of banking and securities transactions, including first and second lien credit facilities, bridge loan facilities, high-yield and investment grade debt offerings, mezzanine financings, liability management transactions, and restructurings and reorganizations. He also has represented both public and private companies in connection with general corporate and securities law matters.

Mr. Cobb is recognized as a leading finance lawyer by *Chambers USA* with clients noting that he "is incredibly experienced and a great resource on complex transactions." In addition, *The National Law Journal* recently distinguished him as a Finance, Banking and Capital Markets Trailblazer.

Recent Representations

- Represented Barclays and JPMorgan Chase Bank as lead arrangers with respect to a \$400,000,000 committed financing provided to Seattle Genetics, a biotechnology company focused on antibody-based cancer therapies, in connection with its proposed acquisition of Cascadian Therapeutics, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company.
- Represented RBC Capital Markets, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Barclays Bank PLC, and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., as lead arrangers for the \$3.55 billion financing to be provided in connection with Meredith Corporation's acquisition of Time Inc., a multinational mass media corporation.
- Represented Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. and The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. as lead arrangers with respect to financing provided to Compass Power Generation L.L.C. and its natural gas-fired power plant portfolio companies. The financing consisted of a \$750,000,000 term loan facility, a \$60,000,000 revolving credit facility and a \$97,000,000 letter of credit

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Practice Areas

Energy
Finance
Leveraged Finance
Life Sciences and Healthcare
Corporate
Alternative Lender and Private
Credit

Admissions

New York Bar

Education

Providence College, B.S.
1990
St. John's University School of
Law, J.D. 1995

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facility, the proceeds of which were used to refinance existing debt, fund capital expenditures and make a dividend.

- Represented Barclays Bank PLC, as administrative agent, and RBC Capital Markets, SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., and Jefferies Finance LLC, as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners, for the \$575 million first lien credit facility, consisting of a \$525 million term loan facility and a \$50 million revolving credit facility, in connection with the acquisition of Vivid Seats LLC, a leading online ticket reseller.
- Represented Barclays Bank PLC as lead arranger and administrative agent in connection with a \$1,000,000,000 senior secured credit facility for HealthSouth Corporation, consisting of a \$700,000,000 revolving credit facility and a \$300,000,000 term loan facility. HealthSouth Corporation is one of the nation's largest providers of post-acute healthcare services and an industry leader in home-based patient care.
- Represented the lead arrangers for committed financings of over \$5 billion consisting of term loan and asset-based facilities in connection with a definitive agreement by Bass Pro Group, LLC to acquire Cabela's Incorporated.
- Represented the lead arrangers in connection with financing the approximately \$5 billion acquisition by The Carlyle Group L.P. of Acosta, Inc., a full-service sales and marketing agency operating in the United States and Canada.
- Represented the lead arrangers in the bank, debt and equity bridge financings used to finance the approximately \$10 billion leveraged buyout of CDW Corporation by Madison Dearborn and Providence Equity Partners.
- Represented the lead arrangers and initial purchasers in the bank, bridge and high-yield bond offerings used to finance the approximately \$3 billion leveraged buyout of Sequa Corporation by the Carlyle Group.
- Represented the lead arrangers in a \$1.15 billion senior secured first lien term facility to fund a dividend recapitalization and refinancing and consolidation of debt facilities associated with ArcLight's portfolio companies Gulf Oil Limited Partnership, Penn Products Holdings, LLC, and Chelsea Petroleum Productive Holdings, LLC.
- Represented the lead arrangers in a \$780 million term loan facility and \$50 million asset-based credit facility for MKS Instruments Inc.'s acquisition of Newport Corporation.
- Represented the lead arrangers in a \$425 million term loan facility and \$700 million ABL facility for ArcLight Energy Partners' acquisition of Gulf Oil Limited Partnership.
- Represented the initial purchasers in a \$1.9 billion notes offering by Argos Merger Sub Inc., which was merged with and into PetSmart at closing.
- Represented the lead arrangers in connection with financing the approximately

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\$1 billion acquisition by Siris Capital Group, LLC of Premiere Global Services, Inc.

- Represented the initial purchasers in the offering of \$375 million 6.50% senior secured notes due 2023 of Reliance Intermediate Holdings LP.
- Represented the lead arranger in the public offering of \$300 million principal amount of 4.75% senior notes due 2022 by Centene Corporation.
- Represented the lead arrangers in \$670 million first and second lien credit facilities for DS Waters of America, Inc. to finance its acquisition by Crestview Partners.
- Represented the initial purchasers in a \$300 million senior secured notes offering by NAI Entertainment Holdings LLC.
- Represented the lead arrangers in \$1.5 billion term and revolving credit facilities and the initial purchasers in a \$350 million high-yield senior notes offering for Sequa Corporation.
- Represented the initial purchaser in a \$225 million high-yield bond offering for The New York Times Company.
- Represented the initial purchasers in a \$315 million high-yield notes offering for YCC Holdings LLC and Yankee Finance, Inc.
- Represented the lead arrangers in \$950 million senior secured credit facilities and the initial purchasers in an \$825 million high-yield bond offering for DineEquity, Inc.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Admitted to the New York State Bar
- Member of the Board of Directors of The Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research

Education

- St John's University, J.D.
- Providence College, B.S.

News

December 03, 2019

Barclays Serves as Lead Arranger and Administrative Agent in Connection with Encompass Health Credit Facilities

November 25, 2019

Barclays, BMO Capital, Deutsche Bank and Jefferies Serve as Bookrunners on \$560 Million Notes Offering for Aveanna Healthcare

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August 26, 2019

Major Financial Institutions to Provide Financing for KKR's Acquisition of Arnott's Biscuits

May 01, 2019

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2019

November 26, 2018

Barclays Provides Financing in Conjunction with Mattress Firm's Chapter 11 Emergence

November 13, 2018

Barclays and Royal Bank of Canada Commit to Provide \$1.495 Billion Financing for Victory Capital Holdings

October 30, 2018

Barclays Provides \$750 Million Acquisition Financing for MKS Instruments

October 11, 2018

Barclays Provides Financing for Mattress Firm

May 30, 2018

RBC Acts As Lead Initial Purchaser and Sole Dealer Manager in Connection with Calfrac's \$650 Million Senior Notes Offering and Concurrent Tender Offer

February 26, 2018

Flexi-Van Completes Refinancing

February 01, 2018

Barclays and JP Morgan Chase Bank Provide Financing Commitment for Seattle Genetics' Proposed Acquisition of Cascadian Therapeutics

December 26, 2017

Barclays Provides Financing for Mattress Firm Credit Facility

December 22, 2017

Morgan Stanley and MUFG Provide Financing for Compass Power Generation, L.L.C.

November 28, 2017

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RBC, Credit Suisse, Barclays and Citigroup Serve as Lead Arrangers in Financing Meredith Corporation's Acquisition of Time Inc.

October 02, 2017

Barclays Acts as Lead Arranger in Connection with \$1 Billion of HealthSouth Credit Facilities

September 25, 2017

Bass Pro Shops Secures \$4.745 Billion Loan; Finalizes Acquisition of Cabela's

August 22, 2017

Goldman Sachs Serves as Initial Purchaser in Dynegy's \$850 Million Senior Notes Offering

August 18, 2017

UBS, Other Lead Arrangers Complete Refinancing of \$2 Billion Credit Facilities for Gardner Denver

June 12, 2017

Paul Hastings Represents Barclays and Other Lead Arrangers in Financing of GTCR's Investment in Vivid Seats

May 24, 2017

Clayton, Dubilier & Rice to Acquire Majority Stake in Capco

April 20, 2017

RBC, Barclays and Other Major Financial Institutions To Provide Financing for Permira's Acquisition of Diversitech

March 17, 2017

Barclays, RBC and Other Major Banks Provide Financing for Merger Forming Nation's Largest Pediatric Home Health Provider

February 21, 2017

Kronos Issues \$235 Million of Senior Notes

February 13, 2017

Array Canada Inc. Closes \$275 Million Financing for Dividend Recapitalization

December 19, 2016

Paul Hastings Advises Banks on Financing for Innocor Acquisition

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October 03, 2016

BofA Merrill Lynch, Wells Fargo Securities LLC and Other Major Banks Provide \$5.1 Billion Financing for Bass Pro Shops' Acquisition of Cabela's

September 07, 2016

Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., Barclays Bank PLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC Provide \$1.9 Billion Financing to Gulf Oil

September 07, 2016

UBS and JPMorgan Provide Debt Financing to Carlyle Acquisition of WellDyneRx

August 08, 2016

Barclays Provides Committed Financing for Acquisition of Aetna and Humana Assets by Molina Healthcare, Inc.

July 01, 2016

Barclays, Other Financial Institutions Refinance RadNet's Existing Senior Secured Credit Facilities

May 05, 2016

JPMorgan and Barclays Finance AMRI's Acquisition of Euticals

May 02, 2016

Barclays and Deutsche Bank Finance MKS Instruments Inc.'s Acquisition of Newport Corporation

February 26, 2016

Barclays and Deutsche Bank Provide Financing for the Acquisition of Newport Corporation by MKS Instruments Inc.

February 05, 2016

Barclays Provides Financing for Mattress Holding Corp.'s Acquisition of Sleepy's

December 29, 2015

Morgan Stanley Senior Funding and BMO Capital Markets Finance Gulf Oil Acquisition by ArcLight Energy Partners

December 08, 2015

Barclays Provides Financing for Siris' Acquisition of PGI

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November 03, 2015

Debt Financing from Goldman Completes Odyssey's Acquisition of Integro

August 28, 2015

Banks Finance Centerbridge Partners Acquisition of KIK Custom Products

August 03, 2015

Paul Hastings Advises Barclays Bank PLC in Senior Secured Financing of Press Ganey Holdings, Inc.

July 17, 2015

Barclays Announces Senior Secured Credit Facilities Financing for Acquisition by Albany Molecular Research Inc.

June 10, 2015

Paul Hastings Advises Initial Purchasers in Senior Notes Offering by CEB, Inc.

April 20, 2015

Paul Hastings Advises Morgan Stanley in \$750 Million Financing of ArcLight Capital Partners' Purchase of Pennsylvania Refined Products Terminal Network Penn Products Terminals, LLC

April 13, 2015

Paul Hastings Advises UBS Investment Bank in Mattress Firm Secondary Offering

March 25, 2015

Paul Hastings Represents Initial Purchasers in US\$375 Million Senior Secured Notes Offering by Reliance Intermediate Holdings LP

March 12, 2015

Paul Hastings Advises Banks in Financing the \$8.7 Billion Acquisition of PetSmart by a Consortium Led by BC Partners

January 15, 2015

Paul Hastings Advises Barclays in Mattress Firm Secondary Offering

January 14, 2015

Paul Hastings Represents Underwriters in Centene's \$200 Million Public Offering

December 31, 2014

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Paul Hastings Advised on the Financing of Chief Power Finance, LLC's Acquisition of Coal-Fired Power Plants in Pennsylvania

December 16, 2014

Paul Hastings Advises Banks in Financing the \$1.24 billion Acquisition of DSS Group, Inc. by Cott Corporation.

December 15, 2014

Paul Hastings Advises Banks in Financing the \$8.7 Billion Acquisition of PetSmart by a Consortium led by BC Partners, The Largest LBO of the Year

December 03, 2014

Paul Hastings Advises Banks Arranging \$550 Million Financing for Carlyle Group's Acquisition of Southeast PowerGen

October 20, 2014

Paul Hastings Advises Banks on Financing Mattress Firm's Purchase of The Sleep Train

October 01, 2014

Paul Hastings Advises the Banks in the Financing of Hardware Holdings LLC's Acquisition of Plumbing Holdings Co.

September 29, 2014

Paul Hastings Advises on Financing Carlyle's Acquisition of Acosta, Inc.

September 12, 2014

Paul Hastings Represents RBC and Credit Suisse in \$300 Million High Yield Bond Offering by Sanchez Energy

June 30, 2014

Paul Hastings Represents RBC and Credit Suisse in \$850 Million High Yield Bond Offering by Sanchez Energy

April 30, 2014

Paul Hastings Represents Underwriters in Centene's \$300 Million Offering

March 11, 2014

Paul Hastings Continues Building Leveraged Finance Strength with Addition of High-Profile Finance Partner in New York

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Insights

September 04, 2019

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets - 2Q19

July 30, 2019

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets - 1Q19

February 21, 2019

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets - 4Q18

November 01, 2018

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets - 3Q18

July 02, 2018

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets - 2Q18

April 01, 2018

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets - 1Q18

February 01, 2018

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets - 4Q17

November 01, 2017

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets - 3Q17

August 02, 2017

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets - 2Q17

May 12, 2017

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets - 1Q17

February 16, 2017

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at The U.S. Credit Markets - 4Q16

November 03, 2016

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at The U.S. Credit Markets - 3Q16

July 01, 2016

Market Intersection: A Quarterly Look at the U.S. Credit Markets - 2Q16

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Rankings & Awards

October 01, 2019

Recognized as NLJ Trailblazers in Finance, Banking, & Capital Markets

April 26, 2019

Recognized by Chambers USA 2019