



## Luc A Despins

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**Luc Despins** is chair of the Global Restructuring practice and a partner in the Corporate practice of Paul Hastings and is based in the firm's New York office.

Mr. Despins is a bankruptcy practitioner with over 30 years of experience representing debtors and creditors in some of the most high profile and complex restructuring matters. He is widely recognized as one of the world's leading financial restructuring lawyers and has been cited on numerous occasions for his role in major bankruptcies.

### Recent Representations

- As counsel for the official committees of unsecured creditors in the following matters: The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and related entities, MolyCorp, NewPage Corporation, Spansion, Inc., AbitibiBowater, Inc, Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., Refco, Inc., Enron Corp., and Safety-Kleen Corporation.
- As counsel for the following debtors (either as part of an out-of-court restructuring or in chapter 11 cases): GT Advanced Technologies, Inc.; FairPoint Communications, Inc., Fruit of the Loom, Inc., Dictaphone Corporation, Safety Components International, Inc., Satmex, Inc. HomePlace Stores, Inc., Seven-Up/RC Bottling Company of Southern California, Inc., CIS Corporation, Zeta Consumer Products Corp., Ames Department Stores, Inc., Sun TV Inc., Wang Computers, and A.H. Robins.

### Accolades and Recognitions

- The American Lawyer's "Top 45 Under 45" [For all practice areas] (January 2003)
- Turnarounds and Workouts' Special Report: (Top Ten) Outstanding Bankruptcy Lawyers 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2006
- Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers
- The Legal 500 US: Corporate and Finance (Corporate Restructuring)
- Lawdragon's "Leading Dealmakers" and "Leading 500 Attorneys"

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### Practice Areas

Corporate  
Restructuring

### Admissions

New York Bar

### Languages

French

### Education

Harvard Law School, LL.M.  
1985

Ottawa University, LL.B. 1982  
Ottawa University, LL.L. 1981

## Luc A Despins (Continued)

- The Best Lawyers in America 2008 (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law)
- K&A Register: “Leading Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Lawyers and Financial Advisors in the United States”

### Education

- Harvard Law School, LL.M., 1985 (Viscount Bennett Scholar)
- University of Ottawa, LL.B., 1982
- University of Ottawa, LL.L., 1981

### News

#### May 01, 2019

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

#### May 11, 2018

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2018

#### June 05, 2017

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2017

#### June 08, 2016

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2016

#### November 18, 2015

Paul Hastings Continues to Grow in London with Addition of Leading Restructuring and Debt Finance Partner David Ereira

#### May 20, 2015

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2015

#### May 27, 2014

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2014

#### May 05, 2014

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Paul Hastings Represents Shunfeng Photovoltaic in its Acquisition of Wuxi Suntech

**March 12, 2014**

Paul Hastings Adds Prominent Restructuring Partner in New York

**October 18, 2013**

Paul Hastings Advises Ventura Capital Privado S.A. de CV in the Takeover and Restructuring of Maxcom Telecomunicaciones, S.A.B. de C.V.

**September 10, 2013**

Paul Hastings Advises Furniture Brands International in Chapter 11 Bankruptcy

**August 28, 2013**

Paul Hastings Represents Quebec Government and Victims of Railway Disaster in connection with Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway Chapter 11 Bankruptcy

**June 05, 2013**

Paul Hastings Extensive Practice Strength Highlighted in The Legal 500 United States 2013

**May 27, 2013**

Paul Hastings Employment Practice Honored with Chambers "Award for Excellence" and Firms Leading Practices and Lawyers Ranked in Chambers USA 2013

**June 07, 2012**

Paul Hastings Excels in Chambers USA 2012 Guide

**March 26, 2012**

Paul Hastings Represents Cetero Research in Bankruptcy Restructuring

**June 10, 2011**

Paul Hastings Excels in Chambers USA 2011 Guide

**June 01, 2011**

Paul Hastings Soars in 2011 Edition of Legal 500 US

**April 05, 2011**

Paul Hastings Advises Capital Trust in Debt Restructuring

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**March 21, 2011**

Paul Hastings Earns Top Marks in Chambers 2011 Global Guide

**August 16, 2010**

Best Lawyers Names 91 Lawyers to 2011 Edition of Rankings

**June 14, 2010**

Paul Hastings Garners Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2010 Guide

**June 07, 2010**

Paul Hastings Excels in 2010 Edition of Legal 500 US

**April 28, 2010**

Paul Hastings Climbs the Ranks in Chambers 2010 Global Guide

**May 07, 2009**

Paul Hastings Advises Dubai World on Agreements for Completion of CityCenter

## Insights

**May 29, 2019**

Triumph for Trademark Licensees: Supreme Court Says Right to Use Trademarks Following Debtor's Rejection of Licensing Agreement Is Determined By Non-Bankruptcy Law

**July 27, 2016**

Are Buyers of Assets Acquired from Debtors in Section 363 Bankruptcy Sales Protected from Product Liability Claims?

**June 16, 2016**

Delaware Bankruptcy Court Refuses to Dismiss Chapter 11 Case Despite Existence of Secured Lender's "Golden Share" in Debtor's Delaware LLC Agreement: Could Bankruptcy-Remote Structures Be at Risk?

**April 25, 2014**

APCOA Parking: Can the Amendment of Governing Law Provisions in Finance Documentation Provide a Global Gateway to U.K. Schemes of Arrangement?

**August 26, 2013**

Back to the Future: Appeals Court Lets Bankruptcy Court Decide State Law

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### Claims

#### **April 29, 2013**

Delaware Bankruptcy Court in In re School Specialty Affirms Lenders Ability to Recover 37 Percent Make-Whole Premium as Part of Its Secured Claim

#### **March 28, 2013**

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York Holds That a UCC-3 Filing Without Authorization is No Filing At All

#### **March 06, 2013**

Fifth Circuit Decision May Reignite Debate On Artificial Impairment In Engineering A Cramdown Plan Of Reorganization

#### **July 30, 2012**

To Confirm or Not to Confirm? Third Circuit Rules That Bankruptcy Court May Determine at Disclosure Statement Stage That a Chapter 11 Plan Is Patently Unconfirmable

#### **April 02, 2012**

This Trend May Not Be Your Friend: Could Catalyst Paper Spawn a New Breed of Chapter 15 Cases for U.S. Debtors?

#### **June 30, 2011**

The Saga of a Secured Lenders Right to Credit Bid Continues - *Seventh Circuit Rejects Third Circuit Approach and Upholds Secured Lenders Right to Credit Bid in Sale Pursuant to a Bankruptcy Plan*

#### **February 09, 2011**

Game Changer: Second Circuit Finds Gifting By Secured Creditor to Old Equity Pursuant to Chapter 11 Plan Violates Absolute Priority Rule

#### **October 01, 2010**

Aftermath and Revival: Developments in Distressed Debt Acquisition and Revival of Real Estate Debt Markets

#### **March 25, 2010**

Third Circuit Finds No Absolute Right To Credit Bid By A Secured Lender

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**April 26, 2019**

Recognized by Chambers USA 2019

**May 15, 2018**

Recognized by Chambers USA 2018

**June 05, 2017**

Recognized by Chambers USA 2017

**June 08, 2016**

Recognized by Chambers USA 2016

**May 26, 2010**

Practical Law Company II

**May 24, 2010**

Legal Media Group