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Leon focuses his practice on corporate law and lending, including specialty lending, lender finance, private credit, syndicated financings, PE sponsor deals, club loan facilities, bilateral arrangements, real estate, blockchain technology, and digital currency.

Leon has significant experience representing commercial banks, investment banks, community banks, private credit funds and direct lenders, as well as borrowers, PE sponsors, hedge funds, and private equity funds in all types of secured and unsecured credit facilities, bilateral, club and syndicated credit facilities, acquisition financings, leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, refinancings, restructurings, loan commitments, cash flow, early-stage and ABL debt transactions, and debt trading. Leon's representation has involved a variety of assets, such as: maritime vessels, real estate collateral, digital currency platforms, leases, loans, receivables, and equipment and operating assets.

Prior to practicing law, Leon served as Vice President and CFO of JPMorganChase's Capital Hedging business and as an auditor with Deloitte LLP; Leon holds a CPA (inactive).

Other Info About Leon

Experience

Representation of administrative agent in a $6 billion senior credit facility to a national auto loan finance company.

Representation of administrative agent and joint lead arranger in a $1 billion senior credit facility to a national retailer.

Representation of administrative agent and co-lead arranger in a $1 billion senior credit facility to a sporting goods manufacturer.

Representation of administrative agent and lead arranger in a $350 million senior secured credit facility to a leading independent film, television and digital studio.

Representation of administrative agent in a $200 million senior term credit facility to a South American iron-ore mining company.

Representation of administrative agent in a $150 million senior credit facility to one of the oldest and largest South American banks.

Representation of administrative agent and lead arranger in a $135 million senior secured term credit facility to finance the acquisition of a US-based movie studio by a UK-based movie studio.

Representation of administrative agent in a $125 million asset-based facility to finance acquisition of a leading provider of plastic packaging by a top-tier sponsor.

Representation of administrative agent and joint lead arranger in a $100 million senior secured credit facility to a major global electronic market maker and broker in exchange listed securities.

Representation of administrative agent and lead arranger in an $88 million senior secured term credit facility to finance the acquisition of a Scandinavian production company by a UK-based studio.

Representation of administrative agent in an $18 million senior asset-based facility for a manufacturer of turn-key computer systems.

Representation of a New York based developer in $6 million construction credit facility.

Representation of a New York based developer in $5.8 million construction credit facility.

Education

Brooklyn Law School, J.D.

City University of New York, B.S.

Recognition

Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers®, Banking, 2019-2025

Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers®, Rising Stars, 2014-2015, 2018

Professional Affiliations

Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys (ACFA)

Major Publications

"What's Going on With Private Credit?" Contributor, *Middle Market Growth*, March 2026

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