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Related Services

Financial Restructuring & Reorganization ▪ Alternative Investments ▪ Structured & Warehouse Finance ▪ Litigation ▪ Corporate & Finance ▪ Financial Services Litigation ▪ Enforcement, Workouts & Foreclosures ▪ Hospitality ▪ Food, Beverage & Agribusiness ▪ Japan Business Team

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Will Sugden is a partner with the Financial Restructuring & Reorganization Group at Alston & Bird. He represents debtors, bankruptcy trustees, creditors' committees and other fiduciaries, and creditors and indenture trustees in bankruptcy proceedings. Will has substantial experience advising parties on insolvency issues arising in workouts and insolvency issues in significant transactions. He also has significant experience advising clients on derivatives safe-harbor issues. *Chambers USA* listed Will for Bankruptcy/Restructuring–Georgia since 2020. Will was also named to *The Best Lawyers in America©* for 2018–2024 in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and for Litigation – Bankruptcy in 2022, as well as listed in the inaugural Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers in 2020.

Will earned his J.D. and M.B.A. from Vanderbilt University and graduated from Kenyon College, cum laude, with high honors and distinction. He is a member of the Bankruptcy Section of the Atlanta Bar Association, State Bar of Georgia, American Bankruptcy Institute, Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors, and Southeast Hedge Fund Association. Will is also chair of the executive board that hosts an annual restructuring competition held at the Wharton School for top business schools around the country.

Representative Experience

- National insolvency counsel to a major commercial mobile radio services provider and the sales and trading desk of a multinational oil and gas company.
- Representing liquidators based in the Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands as U.S. counsel in a major fraud liquidation involving more than a dozen jurisdictions.
- Representing a Cayman Islands liquidator as U.S. counsel in a failed direct lending venture placed into a California receivership.
- Advising multiple domestic and foreign sovereign pension funds in the structuring of counterparty relationships.
- Representing numerous lenders and borrowers on insolvency and credit issues in alternative financings, including repo lending.
- Representing a major local council in the restructuring of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Representing numerous commercial and residential real estate borrowers in in-court and out-of-court restructuring of, collectively, over $700 million in debt.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Corporate Restructuring Competition, held annually at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, chair of the executive board
- Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors, board
- Atlanta Bar Association, Bankruptcy Section
- State Bar of Georgia
- American Bankruptcy Institute, board
- Southeast Hedge Fund Association
- Multiple speaking engagements on developments in derivatives safe harbor law before various audiences (2008 – 2014)

Education

- Vanderbilt University (J.D., 2003)
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- Kenyon College (B.A., 1999)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia