



## **Robert J. Dehney**

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For nearly 30 years, Rob has focused on corporate restructuring, reorganization and counseling. Rob's substantial experience extends to representations of debtors and creditors in all facets of pre- and post-Chapter 11 filings that include out-of-court reorganization and restructuring, acquisitions and complex lending arrangements.

He also provides corporate governance, fiduciary duty and strategic advice to boards of directors, special committees and executives.

Rob regularly works with inside and outside counsel, turnaround professionals, crisis management firms, investment and non-investment bank professionals, and debtors-in-possession (DIP) and exit financing lenders.

Rob's representative experience spans diverse industry segments that include health companies, retail, airline, housing, steel manufacturing, insurance, mortgage brokerage and consumer finance. He has worked on behalf of distressed companies, boards of directors/special committees and/or individual members, and other parties such as official equity committees and ad hoc committees in insolvency-related matters.

A frequent speaker before business and professional audiences, Rob has addressed attendees at the Distressed Debt Conference, the Distressed Retail Summit: Turnarounds, Restructurings, Bankruptcies & Distressed Investing Conference, New York Institute of Credit/ABF Journal/TMA Philadelphia Conference, iiBIG's Alternative Investment All-Star Forum, Distressed M&A and Investments Summit and VALCON. He has also

### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Bankruptcy & Restructuring  
Complex Commercial Litigation  
Mergers, Acquisitions & Divestitures  
Financings & Structured Transactions

### **CLERKSHIPS**

Law Clerk to The Honorable Prudence Beatty, US Bankruptcy Judge, Southern District of New York

### **EDUCATION**

Pace University School of Law, JD, 1990  
*Pace Environmental Law Review*, Managing Editor  
Dickinson College, BA, 1987

### **ADMISSIONS**

Connecticut, 1990  
Delaware, 1997  
Pennsylvania, 1997  
New York, 1995

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spoken at conferences coordinated by the *ABI Journal*, the *Norton Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law*, *Global Restructuring Practice* and *The Journal of Private Equity*.

Prior to joining Morris Nichols, Rob was a law clerk to the Honorable Prudence Beatty of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York and an attorney with Willkie Farr & Gallagher in New York City.

**EXPERIENCE**

Lead counsel to failed start-up drone manufacturer Lily Robotics, Inc. in high-profile bankruptcy proceedings and negotiations conducted amid delicate regulatory and funding issues.

Represented biopharmaceutical company Orexigen Therapeutics, Inc., advising on chapter 11 bankruptcy case and \$75 million 363 bankruptcy asset sale.

Acted as bankruptcy counsel to oilfield services company Seventy Seven Energy Inc. in “lightning-quick” (*Law360*) chapter 11 taking just five weeks from filing to confirmation.

Represented oil well operator and exploration company Venoco in restructuring proceedings.

Served as debtor’s counsel for Seegrid Corporation in their bankruptcy proceedings in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

Represent model and radio-control vehicle retailer as debtor in Delaware chapter 11 case. Successfully gained court approval of a series of asset sales.

Represented the Eureka Hunter pipeline joint venture entity in the chapter 11 restructuring of its joint venture partner, Magnum Hunter Resources Corp.

Served as lead bankruptcy counsel to Premium Transportation Services, Inc., a logistics provider offering drayage, long distance haul and freight management services in Southern California and Virginia.

Acted on behalf of secured lender in all aspects of the chapter 11 bankruptcy of rare earth mineral company Molycorp.

Represented Icahn Enterprises L.P. as secured lender in the Trump Entertainment Resorts bankruptcy.

Served as debtor’s counsel to an offshore contract drilling and liftboat services company in the oil and gas industry in its prepackaged chapter 11 bankruptcy case.

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Represented Optim Energy, LLC and its affiliated debtors in possession in their chapter 11 cases in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

Served as counsel to the Official Committee of Equity Security Holders of Syms Corp. in the Filene's Basement bankruptcy proceedings.

Represented Reorganized Syms Corp. in connection with the sale of a valuable leasehold interest.

Acted as company bankruptcy counsel in the bankruptcy of RG Steel, LLC, one of the largest flat-rolled steel companies in the United States.

Served a bankruptcy counsel to Security National Properties Funding III, LLC, a commercial real estate developer/owner of regional shopping centers and multitenant office buildings across 15 states.

Represented J. Silver Clothing, a women's wear retailer in bankruptcy proceedings.

Acted as bankruptcy counsel to vertically integrated housing company Oakwood Homes.

Served as bankruptcy counsel to Rouge Steel, a vertically integrated steel manufacturer.

Represented Thaxton Group, Inc. in bankruptcy proceedings. The diversified company provided insurance, mortgage brokering and consumer loans and related services.

Served as counsel to EchoStar Corporation in the Delta Airlines bankruptcy cases.

Served as counsel to Fortistar in NRG's bankruptcy.

Served as counsel to Gleacher Mezzanine Fund I, L.P. and Gleacher Mezzanine Fund P, L.P., in the bankruptcy case of Norstan Apparel Shops, Inc., d/b/a Fashion Cents and its affiliated debtors.

Acted as counsel to the largest unsecured creditor and landlord in Pharmaceutical Formulations, Inc. and the ad hoc committee of bonds in aaiPharma's bankruptcy cases.

Gained substantial experience representing purchasers of assets, including McDonalds Corp., Echostar Corporation, IER Corp and Hancock Fabrics.

**NEWS & INSIGHTS**

Morris Nichols Recognized by *The M&A Advisor* 2021 Turnaround Awards  
Media Mention, *The M&A Advisor*, 09.01.2021

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*IFLR1000 United States 2021* Again Ranks Morris Nichols for Delaware Financial and Corporate Law Media Mention, *IFLR1000 United States*, 08.25.2021

32 Morris Nichols Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America 2022* Media Mention, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 08.19.2021

*Chambers USA 2021* Again Recognizes Morris Nichols in Band 1 in Four Delaware Practices; 27 Attorneys Named Among Leading Delaware Practitioners Media Mention, *Chambers USA*, 05.20.2021

Morris Nichols Advises Impresa Aerospace on Asset Sale & Secures Chapter 11 Approval Firm News, 04.28.2021

UT Law CLE's 2020 Bankruptcy Conference Speaking Engagement, Virtual, November 5, 2020 through November 6, 2020

*Benchmark Litigation 2021* Ranks Morris Nichols Among Top Delaware Firms Firm News, *Benchmark Litigation*, 10.05.2020

31 Morris Nichols Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2021* Firm News, 08.20.2020

14 Morris Nichols Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in 2020 *Delaware Super Lawyers* Firm News, 05.28.2020

*Chambers USA 2020* Ranks Morris Nichols Band 1 in Four Delaware Practices; 24 Morris Nichols Attorneys Recognized Among Leading Delaware Practitioners Firm News, 04.23.2020

**HONORS & RECOGNITIONS**

*Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, ranked in Delaware bankruptcy/restructuring, 2012-2021

*IFLR1000 United States*, leading Delaware lawyer, 2018-2021

*The Best Lawyers in America*, listed in bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights / insolvency and reorganization, 2013-2022, and litigation - bankruptcy, 2021-2022

*Delaware Super Lawyers*, included in bankruptcy: business, 2007-2020

*Who's Who Legal*, listed for restructuring and insolvency, 2014, 2018-2019

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**PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC**

American Bankruptcy Institute

American Bar Association

Delaware State Bar Association

Turnaround Management Association

