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Overview

Ben has extensive experience in leveraged finance matters with a particular focus on private equity-sponsored acquisition financings. He represents middle-market lenders, investors, sponsors, and portfolio companies in acquisition financings and related debt transactions. He advises clients throughout the entire process of a transaction from structuring to closing and beyond.

Practices

- Finance

Experience

- Represented a private office/private equity sponsor in connection with the financing of the carveout acquisition of a major domestic fastener distributor (total committed financing between \$250 million and \$500 million).
- Represented a private equity sponsor in connection with the club financing of the acquisition of one of the world's largest providers of communications services to hospitality venues and conference centers (financing between \$100 million and \$200 million).
- Represented a direct lender in connection with the financing of the acquisition of a leading international provider of IT management and implementation services.
- Represented a seafood production company in the negotiation of first lien accordion and revolver repricing amendments in connection with the repayment of its second lien term loans (resulting first lien financing between \$500 million and \$1 billion).
- Represented a business development company and its subsidiaries in the refinancing of their existing credit facilities with a \$195 million term loan, a \$390 million revolving credit facility and \$500 million of senior secured notes.
- Represented a U.S.-based private equity sponsor in connection with the financing of its acquisition of an international U.K.-based recruitment company, and subsequent refinancing of its ABL facility (financing between \$100 million and \$250 million).
- Represented a lender in connection with a business development company's \$100 million revolving credit facility (with an accordion feature to \$300 million).

Credentials

Education

- Nottingham Law School, United Kingdom, Diploma of Legal Practice, 2003
- University of Bristol, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Laws, 2002

Bar Admissions

- New York

Professional Memberships

- "On the Roll," Solicitors of the Supreme Court of England and Wales (2006-Present)

Insights

03.01.2021

News Release

Schiff Advises Altaris on its Agreement to Acquire \$1.55 Billion Perrigo's Prescription Pharmaceuticals Business

02.05.2021

News Release

Schiff Advises Altaris on Recapitalization of Minnetronix Medical, Inc.

11.11.2020

News Release

Schiff Hardin Advises Kimball International, Inc. in the Acquisition of Poppin, Inc. for \$110 Million

09.23.2020

News Release

Schiff Hardin Advises Consolidated Communications Holding, Inc. in Proposed \$425 Million Investment and Refinancing

05.04.2020

News Release

Schiff Hardin Advises Altaris in Acquisition of 3M's Drug Delivery Business

05.02.2019

News Release

Schiff Hardin Welcomes New Finance Partner Ben Leese in New York

Publications

- "The Global Private Credit Market: 2019 Update," The ICLG to: Lending and Secured Finance Laws and Regulations (Lending and Secured Finance 2019)
- "Did You Just Commit to a Financing Without Realizing It?," (co-author) Dechert Global Private Equity Newsletter (Winter/Spring 2018 edition)

Citizenship

Pro Bono Activities

- Represented a New York-based organization focusing on the provision of mentoring and networking opportunities for minority entrepreneurs in connection with a proposed minority investment.
- Represented a community organization formed to reduce the incidence of gun-crime in South Brooklyn in its organizational activities.

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