

Panelist Biographies

**Daniel Geoghan***Member, Cole Schotz P.C.*

As a member of the firm's Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring department, Dan has extensive experience in all facets of financial restructuring, complex insolvency law and bankruptcy proceedings, as well as commercial litigation.

Dan has represented chapter 11 debtors, chapter 7 trustees, official committees of unsecured creditors, directors and officers, boards of directors and managers, equity holders and ad hoc groups of equity holders, secured creditors, and indenture trustees in all aspects of chapter 11 proceedings and out-of-court restructurings.

Dan has substantial experience in commercial litigation having represented parties in breach of contract claims, copyright and trademark infringement claims, director and officer liability claims and avoidance actions. In addition, Dan has represented clients in more than 500 mediations. [Read more here.](#)

**Debora Hoehne***Partner, Goodwin
Procter LLP*

Debora Hoehne is a partner in Goodwin's [Financial Restructuring](#) group. She represents debtors, creditors, lenders, equity interest holders, and acquirers of assets in all aspects of distressed and insolvency situations, both in and out of court. Her experience includes a broad range of transactional and litigation matters across a variety of industries, including airlines, biotech, cannabis, financial services, healthcare, insurance, manufacturing, media, oil & gas services, real estate, retail, technology, telecommunications, power generation, and professional services. Debora has significant experience with state court insurance proceedings and restructuring work for insurance companies.

Prior to joining Goodwin, Debora was counsel in the Restructuring Department of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and clerked for the Honorable Peter K. Leisure in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. [Read more here.](#)

**Ari Lefkovits***Managing Partner,
Apotheo*

Ari Lefkovits is Managing Partner of Apotheo. Prior to founding Apotheo, Ari was a Managing Partner at Delos Capital, where he focused on special situations and private investments. Before Delos, Ari spent more than two decades at Lazard, where he was a Managing Director advising on capital solutions, restructuring, and liability management transactions totaling over \$300 billion.

Ari has over 25 years of experience advising investors, senior executives, and boards of directors on complex corporate finance matters. During his tenure at Lazard, he worked in both the New York and London offices and advised on many of the firm's largest and most complex engagements, receiving multiple industry awards in the process.

He has advised companies, boards, creditors, investors, unions, and government entities across a wide range of situations, including mergers and acquisitions, restructurings and reorganizations, debt exchanges and other liability management transactions, spin-offs, debt and equity financings, and joint ventures.

Ari has testified before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, various state courts, and the New York Stock Exchange. He speaks frequently on industry panels and in the press and has been recognized as one of Turnarounds & Workouts' "People to Watch" and one of The M&A Advisor's "40 Under 40" corporate finance professionals.

Ari holds an A.B. from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from Stanford Law School. Ari is a Registered Representative of BA Securities, LLC.

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**David Peress**

*Executive Director -
Professional Services,
Hilco Global*

David Peress is an Executive Director in the Professional Services division at Hilco Global. He provides critical oversight and vision for all Hilco IP valuation and monetization client teams. At Hilco Streambank, David and his partners successfully built one of the top intangible asset valuation and monetization practices in the nation, focusing on brands, trademarks, patents, domain names and other digital assets.

David has 30 years experience working in the corporate restructuring and distressed investing industry as both an advisor and investment professional. Until 2000, he was a partner in the bankruptcy department of Wilmington, Delaware's Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP. He later served as Managing Director and General Counsel of The Ozer Group LLC, an asset disposition firm, and the Chief Operating Officer of Ozer's Real Estate Services Company. Following the sale of The Ozer Group, he led the special situations investing business for Crystal Capital, a multi-strategy private investment fund. At Crystal Capital, David structured and managed debt and equity investments in several retailers and consumer products companies including Tower Records, The Sharper Image, Polartec, Cranium, Tommy Armour Golf and Bob's Stores. During this time he deepened his understanding of how intangible assets are valued and traded. More recently, David has led the intangible asset sale processes for numerous companies including Party City, Joann Fabrics, Shift Technologies, and Smile Direct Club among others.

**Anne Pichler**

Director, Teneo

Anne Pichler has 10 years of experience guiding financially distressed middle-market companies through complex restructurings, wind-downs, and transition strategies across a broad range of industries.

Anne Pichler is a director with Teneo's Financial Advisory business, based in Denver, CO. Throughout her career, Anne has supported a variety of distressed businesses through financial and operational restructurings and orderly exits, both in and out of court. She specializes in guiding companies through complex transitions and wind-downs, delivering strategic direction and operational precision to the late stages of business life cycles.

Prior to Teneo, Anne served as Director at a boutique restructuring firm in Denver, where she played a critical role in overseeing liquidity and cash flow management, creditor communications and negotiations, operational turnaround assessments, and support for asset sales and litigation strategy. Anne also served in interim management roles and acted as an assignee in assignments for the benefit of creditors.

Anne holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Tennessee. She is actively involved in the Turnaround Management Association, currently serving as Chair of the Rocky Mountain Chapter. She previously held leadership roles including Vice President of Marketing & Communications on the TMA Global Executive Board and Co-Chair of the TMA Network of Women.