



Robin Chiu
Managing Director,
Portage Point Advisors

Robin Chiu is a Managing Director at Portage Point Partners' New York office where she assists companies and their stakeholders to develop and execute strategies to restructure. She has over two decades of experience advising on balance sheet and financial issues.

Prior to joining Portage Point, Robin was a Senior Managing Director in Teneo's Financial Advisory Group which she joined with Teneo's acquisition of Goldin Associates. Prior to Goldin, Robin worked in the debt capital markets group of Barclays Capital where she advised clients on financing, capital structure and risk management. Before joining Barclays, Robin was an investment banker at Wasserstein Perella working on high yield transactions.

Robin has served as financial advisor, Chief Restructuring Officer and Chief Financial Officer and has led companies through both in- and out-of-court restructurings. Her engagements have included uBiome, The Big Apple Circus, Ezra Holdings, China Fishery, Madison Square Boys and Girls Club, Revlon and Toys "R" Us. Her creditor side representations include general obligation bondholders in Puerto Rico and Detroit, a major hedge fund in Caesars and the official creditor committees in Fibertower and Ditech. Robin has also performed and led business plan reviews, due diligence assignments, valuations and other complex financial analyses.

Robin received her Master of Business Administration with honors from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics with a minor in Environmental Engineering Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Buvini Kularatne
Partner, Faegre Drinker
(UK)

Buvini Kularatne acts as lead counsel for various stakeholders across the capital structure (including large corporates, creditors, sponsors, investors and insolvency practitioners) on large, complex, multijurisdictional restructuring matters. Buvini's broad experience and diverse client base let her help clients navigate risk, and identify and exploit opportunities to protect and maximise value.

Her work has spanned more than 25 jurisdictions and numerous industry sectors, and she has particular experience in navigating politically sensitive and high-profile matters. Buvini is a trusted advisor and "first port of call" for many clients on multifaceted restructuring matters. She has particular skill in distressed real estate work and has undertaken two secondments at a private equity real estate investment fund.

Buvini is also the partner advisor for the London office's diversity and inclusion committee, and works closely with the associates on formulating and implementing related initiatives.
Representative Experience

Buvini has represented:

- Advising a series of debtor companies in relation to out-of-court administration appointments and restructurings.
- Advising Essar Oil (UK) Limited in relation to its contingency planning, stakeholder management and restructuring.
- A debtor in relation to restructuring and bankruptcy proceedings in Luxembourg and Jersey.
- A creditor in relation to the restructuring of Intu Properties Plc.
- Advising Fitness Anywhere UK Limited in relation to contingency planning and stakeholder management in the context of its parent group's Chapter 11 proceedings and related sales process.
- Advising Northwood Investors in relation to the distressed acquisition of an Austrian hotel out of a security enforcement sale and its subsequent restructuring.
- Advising a banknote supplier and creditor in relation to the restructuring of a foreign exchange company.
- Advising Northwood Investors on its acquisition of Five Acre Square.
- A creditor in relation to its position in the Thomas Cook proposed refinancing and eventual liquidation.
- A creditor in relation to its position in the Casino refinancing.
- An Irish Bank Resolution Corporation in relation to the English law governed settlement of multi-jurisdiction litigation proceedings, including the sale of an Indian real estate holding company out of an Indian resolution process.
- A global serviced office and co-working space provider on its continued internal restructuring in various European, Asia Pacific and African jurisdictions and in relation to the acquisition of various competing businesses out of administrations and via loan to own strategies.
- Famar on the successful restructuring, recapitalization and strengthening of its capital structure.
- A creditor in relation to its position in the Noble restructuring.
- The lender side in relation to the international restructuring of Pacific Andes Resources Development Limited (PARD), China Fishery International Limited and certain subsidiaries of PARD and China Fishery Group Limited, involving proceedings in, among other jurisdictions, Singapore, BVI and Peru and Chapter 11 proceedings in New York.

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Alexander Riddiford
Barrister, Essex Court Chambers

Alex specialises in insolvency/restructuring law, commercial dispute resolution, banking and finance (including structured finance) and offshore commercial litigation.

His recent notable instructions include the longstanding Business Mortgage Finance litigation in the High Court and Court of Appeal (most recently a committal application before Mr Justice Miles, led by Anna Dilnot Q.C.); acting for Mr Carlos Ghosn and others (led by Blair Leahy Q.C.) in B.V.I. proceedings brought by Nissan (a civil fraud/asset recovery claim concerning a luxury yacht); and acting as sole counsel for the joint administrators of the Nortel companies in various applications before Mr Justice Snowden (as he then was). Alex is frequently instructed in litigation with multi-jurisdictional aspects. He also has a special interest in the law of cryptoassets and smart contracts and welcome the opportunity to speak on these topics to firms or at conferences.

Before coming to the Bar Alex completed a DPhil in Classics at Oxford University where he held various teaching positions in Latin and Greek language and literature, including an appointment as a lecturer at Magdalen College in 2008. In 2013 he published a critically well-received book on Bengali literature with Oxford University Press. [Read more here.](#)


Marc Skapof
MODERATOR
Partner, Royer Cooper Cohen & Braunfeld LLC

Marc Skapof is a NY Super Lawyers top-rated bankruptcy attorney for the seventh consecutive year. He focuses his practice on in- and out-of-court debt restructurings; creditors' rights, debtor and estate fiduciary representations, healthy and distressed, debt financing, lending, DIP and exit financing, bankruptcy litigation, distressed M&A, corporate governance, and bankruptcy-remote transactions.

Client Experience

- Independent associated companies in *In re Purdue Pharma* et al.
- Debt restructuring of a California-based cannabis business
- KeyBank in numerous LBO and other financings
- Purchaser of a high-end fashion business and related IP under Art. 9 of the UCC
- Defendants in bankruptcy litigations pending in the United States Bankruptcy Courts in the Southern District of Texas and Delaware, respectively
- Various private equity acquisition financings
- Distressed wholesalers in the men's and women's fashion space
- Borrowers' counsel for various small and mid-cap companies
- Creditors in, among other, chapter 11 cases: California Pizza Kitchen, Frontier Communications, and New York Classic Motors
- Irving Picard, Trustee for the liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC
- Boscov's Inc.'s successful chapter 11 reorganization
- Private equity sponsors in connection with LBO, CMBS and structured finance transactions
- Purchasers and sellers of assets in distressed M&A transactions
- Issuers with bankruptcy risk analysis and drafting for 144A and private placement offering documents
- Sellers, purchasers, lenders, and borrowers in various debt financings and securitizations
- Lenders in connection with debtor-in-possession and exit financing
- Lenders and borrowers with bankruptcy remoteness and other liability management transactions

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