

## Panelist Biographies



*Moderator*

**Francisco  
Vazquez**

*Senior Counsel,  
Norton Rose  
Fulbright US LLP*

Frank Vazquez's practice focuses on bankruptcy and financial restructuring. He has substantial experience in a broad range of domestic and international financial restructurings. In particular, he has represented debtors in pre-packaged and conventional Chapter 11 cases and foreign representatives in cross-border ancillary proceedings under Chapter 15 of the Bankruptcy Code and its predecessor, section 304. Additionally, Frank has represented ad hoc and official committees of creditors in Chapter 11 cases and advised secured and unsecured lenders in out-of-court restructurings and in Chapter 11 cases. Frank has written extensively on bankruptcy and insolvency issues and is a frequent speaker on such topics. He is also a Fellow of INSOL International and is a member of the International Insolvency Institute, a limited group of leading professionals, scholars, and judges with proficiency in cross-border insolvency practice. Read more [here](#).



**Kelly DiBlasi**

*Partner, Weil, Gotshal  
& Manges LLP*

Kelly's practice focuses on debtors, creditors, and equity interest holders in all areas of domestic and international restructurings and crisis management, both in and out of court. Kelly is regularly recognized for her work in the industry, with several prestigious awards and recognitions, including ranked Band 6 in New York by Chambers & Partners. Most recently, Kelly was named among the 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers by Lawdragon (2020, 2022-2025). She was also recognized as a "Notable Practitioner" for Restructuring and Insolvency in the U.S. by IFLR1000 (2023-2024), listed among Restructuring's highest-ranking lawyers in the 2024 edition of Who's Who Legal: Restructuring & Insolvency, included in the Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation list, and "recommended" for Restructuring by Legal 500 (2023 – 2024). In 2022, Kelly was named an "Outstanding Restructuring Lawyer" by Turnarounds & Workouts and a "Rising Star" for Restructuring and Insolvency in the U.S. by IFLR1000 (2020 and 2022). In 2018, she was selected by the American Bankruptcy Institute as one of its "40 Under 40" honorees and was recognized by New York Law Journal as one of its "Rising Stars." Also, Kelly was recognized by Turnarounds & Workouts magazine as one of its "Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyers" for 2016. In addition to her practice, Kelly has written and co-written numerous articles, including most recently "The Preferred Equity Paradox," published in the New York Law Journal. Read more [here](#).



**Liv Machado**

*Partner, Restructuring,  
Mayer Brown*

Drawing from over 14 years of experience in judicial recovery and reorganization, Liv Machado advises local and foreign clients in judicial reorganization, extrajudicial reorganization and liquidation cases. She also represents investors in acquiring assets and lenders of financing. Clients served by Liv include banks, funds and companies of multiple industries. Read more [here](#).

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**Amy Patterson**

*Partner, Taylor  
Wessing*

Amy works with clients on both contentious and non-contentious insolvency issues and corporate restructuring. Amy is trusted by lenders, directors, PE sponsors, landlords, distressed investors and insolvency practitioners in all areas of domestic and cross border insolvency law and has particular experience in the consumer and retail sector. Read more [here](#).



**Noah Zucker**

*Partner, Norton Rose  
Fulbright Canada LLP*

Noah Zucker practises primarily in the areas of commercial insolvency and banking law. He acts for creditors, debtors, court-appointed officers and other stakeholders in matters ranging from complex corporate reorganizations to personal bankruptcies. Noah also represents clients in other civil or commercial disputes and advises on deals, always striving to find practical, business-oriented solutions to difficult problems.

Noah appears regularly before the Superior Court of Québec and has been involved in cases before the provincial and federal courts of appeal as well as the Supreme Court of Canada.

Prior to joining us, Noah spent several years at another leading national law firm. He also clerked, during his legal studies, at the Québec Court of Appeal for the Honorable Nicole Duval Hesler, then Chief Justice of Québec. Read more [here](#).