

When distressed debt investors (including noteholders and lenders), financially troubled companies, creditors' committees, and acquirers of distressed businesses and assets need an experienced lawyer to guide them through a chapter 11 case, an out-of-court restructuring or a liability management transaction, they turn to David Simonds. For more than 30 years, David has been advising on financial restructuring matters across several industries. He has been involved in first-of-their-kind, complex restructurings both in the United States and internationally, including cross-border transactions and insolvencies, as well as liability management transactions and special situations lending (including rescue, debtor-in-possession and exit financing). David also previously served as Director of Operations for a leading apparel company.

David is a member of the California bar (since 2001) and New York bar (since 1993), and is a certified public accountant registered in South Dakota (since 1992 (inactive)). He earned a J.D. degree from the New York University School of Law in 1992 and a B.S. degree in accounting and business administration, *summa cum laude*, from the State University of New York at Albany in 1989.

David has been recognized as a standout among his peers by a number of the leading legal directories, including being ranked by *Chambers USA* (2013-2024) and by *IFLR1000* as Highly Regarded, as well as Best Lawyers in America for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (Los Angeles) (2007-2021). David has been an ACIC Fellow since 2012 and is a member of the development committee and communications committee.